
ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Pitts S-1C Special, G-BUWJ	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-A2B piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1976	
Date & Time (UTC):	2 October 2011 at 1405 hrs	
Location:	Lower Upham Farm, Swindon, Wiltshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to landing gear, propeller and lower wing	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	43 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	198 hours (of which 22 were on type) Last 90 days - 7 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

During the approach to Runway 18 at the grass airfield the pilot experienced some sink near the threshold. He added power to arrest the descent and reported that the aircraft "settled onto the runway positively". After an apparently normal ground roll of about 180 m the pilot applied light braking which resulted in the landing gear

collapsing and the propeller striking the ground. The pilot later determined that he had touched down short, at the edge of the threshold separating the runway from a crop field and this had damaged the landing gear. He considered that it would have been better to have initiated a go-around at the initial indication of sink.