

Europa Aviation Europa, G-BWNL

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Europa Aviation Europa, G-BWNL
No & Type of Engines:	1 Subaru EA 81 piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1997
Date & Time (UTC):	14 December 1997 at 1330 hrs
Location:	Fishburn Airfield, County Durham
Type of Flight:	Permit-to-Test flight
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Extensive
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	65 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	452 hours (of which 12 were on type) Last 90 days - 9 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was landing on the grass Runway 08 after a flight to calibrate the Air Speed Indicator. The pilot reported that the touchdown occurred at too high an airspeed. The aircraft bounced twice and started to track towards the left side of the runway. Rudder was applied which caused the aircraft to sideslip to the left while heading towards the right side of the runway. At this stage, full power was applied in order to initiate a go-around. However, the right wing stalled and the aircraft left the right side of the runway with the right outrigger wheel on the ground. The main wheel touched the ground with high sideslip applied causing major damage to the fuselage and engine mounting.

The pilot estimated that the surface wind was from 350° at 3 kt. Both occupants were wearing full harnesses and were uninjured.