

Stemme S 10-V, D-KGCY

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Stemme S 10-V, D-KGCY
No & Type of Engines:	1 Limbach L 2400 EB1.AD piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1994
Date & Time (UTC):	13 May 1997 at 1324 hrs
Location:	Lydd-Ashford Airport, Kent
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to cockpit area of fuselage and propeller
Commander's Licence:	German Glider Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	58 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,385 hours (of which 195 were on type) Last 90 days - 7 hours Last 28 days - 7 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was on a pleasure flight from Ostend to Lydd in CAVOK weather conditions. Having joined the visual circuit for Runway 22 the pilot called downwind and was distracted from his pre-landing checks whilst looking for other circuit traffic. The aircraft landed with the wheels retracted and came to rest on the runway. The pilot and passenger vacated the aircraft uninjured.

The ATC controller, who had been watching the aircraft during the final stages of its approach, did not notice the absence of the landing gear because of the aircraft's nose down attitude and his attention was focused on a preceding aircraft as it cleared the runway.