

**No: 10/87**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Amateur Construction Aerosport Scamp G-BKPB

**No & Type of engines:** 1 Volkswagen 1834 piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1985

**Date and time (GMT):** 15 August 1987 at 1600 hrs

**Location:** Alderhall, Leicester

**Type of flight:** Private (pleasure)

**Persons on board:** Crew — 1                      Passengers — None

**Injuries:** Crew — None                      Passengers — N/A

**Nature of damage:** Minor damage to right side wing tips and propeller

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 50 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 111 hours (of which 46 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

The aircraft, a home-built single seat bi-plane, had been flown from Leicester East aerodrome to a private landing strip at Alderhall Farm, Leicestershire. The pilot reports that although the weather was fine he experienced moderate turbulence en-route and decided to make a low approach over the landing strip in order to assess the surface conditions. After the low approach the pilot completed a normal landing. After about 30 minutes he taxied the aircraft back to the landing strip threshold for the return flight to Leicester East. During the take-off roll a gust of wind caused the aircraft to veer slightly to the right, which the pilot corrected. However, as the aircraft lifted off the ground a second gust forced it further to the right and the right wing tips collided with a small tree. The take-off was abandoned and the pilot vacated the aircraft without injury. The wind gusts were estimated to be about 10 knots, and the aircraft weight at the time of the accident was 760 lbs.