

**No: 11/87**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Amateur Construction Christen Eagle II G-TARA

**No & Type of engines:** 1 Lycoming AE10-360-AID piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1984

**Date and time (GMT):** 4 July 1987 at 1415 hrs

**Location:** Gt Dunmow, Essex

**Type of flight:** Aerobatic display

**Persons on board:** Crew — 1                      Passengers — 1

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

**Nature of damage:** Minor to upper right wing

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence Groups A and B

**Commander's Age:** 36 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** Unknown

**Information Source:** Police Report

The aircraft was performing aerobatics at a school fete. During a 200 mph dive at about 1200 feet the outboard panel of two on the underside of the top right wing detached. This caused a rip in the wing fabric behind the area of the missing panel. The wing inflated and the rip became progressively worse.

The aircraft was flown slowly back to Andrewsfield Airfield, Stebbing, where it landed safely. Upon examination, the rip was found to run to the trailing edge of the wing and was approximately 12 inches long.