

**Aircraft type and registration:** Auster J1N G-AHSO

**No & Type of engines:** 1 De Havilland Gipsy Major 1 piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1946

**Date and time (GMT):** 26 August 1987 at 1515 hrs

**Location:** Skegness Aerodrome

**Type of flight:** Weather check

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

**Injuries:** Crew — None                      Passengers — None

**Nature of damage:** Substantial to right wing struts and right wing. Minor to a parked Piper PA23

**Commander's Licence:** Commercial Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 41 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 1725 hours (of which 625 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and telephone enquiries made by the AIB.

The aircraft had carried out a circuit in order to determine the cloud base and completed a successful landing on runway 29. The wind was 300° at 12 to 15 kts. After turning onto an easterly heading in order to taxi back to the hangar area the aircraft started to weathercock into wind towards a parked Piper Lance.

There were two other parked aircraft behind it, and the pilot of G-AHSO applied full opposite rudder and brake and a small amount of power. This had little effect and power was increased to improve rudder authority. The swing was arrested but the pilot was unable to stop the Auster and its right wing strut contacted the right wing tip of the parked PA23 which was facing it. Braking action was reported as poor, on wet grass.

After making contact the Auster swung right and the propeller caused some damage to the trailing-edge and aileron of the right wing of the PA23. The right struts of the Auster were partially severed, allowing the right wing to drop sufficiently to buckle the fuselage on that side. There were no injuries and no fire.