

## Steen Skybolt, G-BIMN, 1 June 1996

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Steen Skybolt, G-BIMN

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming IO-360-C1B pistonengine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1982

**Date & Time (UTC):** 1 June 1996 at 1200 hrs

**Location:** Sibson Airfield, Peterborough

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew -1 Passengers - None

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

**Nature of Damage:** Slackened flying wires and some bentfuselage tubes.

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

**Commander's Age:** 49 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 690 hours (of which 45 minuteswere on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submittedby the pilot

The aircraft was newly acquired by the pilot/owner. He departedLangham, Norfolk at 1130 hrs and arrived at Sibson, Peterboroughat 1200 hrs. The landing on Runway 25 was heavy but not obviouslyso according to observers at the airfield. The aircraft was thenparked in a hangar. Subsequent investigation, by persons otherthan the pilot/owner, revealed slackened flying wires and somebent fuselage tubes requiring major repairs. The pilot attributesthe heavy landing to the gusty wind conditions at Sibson whichwere reported as 230° 15 kt gusting to 25 kt.