

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Tucker DG Taylor Titch, G-VIVI	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp O-200-A piston engine	
Category:	1.3	
Year of Manufacture:	1999	
Date & Time (UTC):	2 July 2005 at 1045 hrs	
Location:	Great Oakley Airfield, Essex	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Aircraft destroyed	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	60 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,400 hours (of which 200 were on type) Last 90 days - 25 hours Last 28 days - 15 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot prepared to take off for a local flight by backtracking and then positioning the aircraft on the right hand side of grass Runway 22. The surface wind was estimated as varying between 220° and 260° at a maximum of 15 kt. After a very short take-off roll, the aircraft became unexpectedly airborne, possibly as a result of a gust of wind from the right. In response to this the pilot pushed the control column forward to raise the tail and thereby allow forward vision. The aircraft was drifting to the left and although full right rudder and some aileron was applied, directional control could not

be established. At this point the aircraft was flying at less than 45 mph and started to roll right so the pilot reduced the amount of right aileron and rudder. The aircraft continued to drift left at about 5 ft above the ground until the left wheel caught in the tops of a rape crop which was growing to the side of the runway. The aircraft then descended rapidly nose first into the crop and flipped inverted. The pilot, who was wearing a lap and diagonal harness, was able to escape uninjured by climbing out of the left hand side where the fuselage had been destroyed.