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Aircraft Type and Registration: Stolp Starduster TOO SA300, G-BOBT

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-360-A1F6 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1983

Date & Time (UTC): 8 April 1995 at 0900 hrs

Location: Cuxwold Airfield, Lincolnshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Partially collapsed main landing gear

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 27 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 214 hours (of which 20 were on type)
Last 90 days - N/K
Last 28 days - N/K

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

In a 10 kt crosswind the pilot made a powered approach to Runway 25, which he had chosen as the only runway of suitable length. The approach was conducted in the normal manner but, as he closed the throttle, the aircraft dropped heavily onto the runway in a three point attitude, damaging the landing gear. The aircraft rolled to a stop along the runway centreline and was subsequently moved into the hangar.

The pilot states that his lack of continuity on type probably led him to close the throttle too abruptly.