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Aircraft type and registration:	Stampe SV4C G-AZGC (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)
Year of manufacture:	1946
Date and time (GMT):	29 August 1983 at 1615 hrs
Location:	Wycombe Air Park, Buckinghamshire
Type of flight:	Private (Pleasure)
Persons on board:	Crew - 1                      Passengers - Nil
Injuries:	Crew - Nil                      Passengers - n/a
Nature of damage:	Propeller cracked: left-hand side lower wing, tailplane and rudder damaged
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	55 years
Commander's total flying experience:	718 hours (of which 250 hours are on type)

Prior to departure from a private airstrip in Lancashire, the aircraft was refuelled (from containers) to a visual assessment of full tanks. The pilot later considered that this may have been carried out on sloping ground and therefore that the tanks may not have been completely filled.

The aircraft took off at 1405 hrs for Wycombe Air Park. After approximately 2 hours, the pilot realised that he had less fuel than had been planned and he called Wycombe Air Traffic Control for permission to join the circuit on base leg for runway 07.

At 1615 hrs, when at 300 feet on the final approach, the engine stopped and the pilot made a forced landing in a small field just to the west of the runway threshold. The aircraft ran into the hedge in the far corner of the field, damaging firstly the lower left-hand side wing and then swinging round so that the tailplane was pushed into the adjacent hedge.

No fire resulted from the impact and the pilot escaped without injury.