

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Pitts S-2A Pitts Special, G-ODDS	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming AEIO-360-A1E piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1980	
Date & Time (UTC):	2 July 2011 at 1555 hrs	
Location:	White Waltham Airfield, Berkshire	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to propeller spinner, propeller blades and wheel spats	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	27 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	106 hours (of which 31 were on type) Last 90 days - 10 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was returning from a solo aerobatic flight to the south of White Waltham Aerodrome. The weather was good, with the surface wind calm, and the aircraft was positioned for a landing on Runway 21. Following a normal approach, the aircraft bounced on touchdown and the pilot performed a go-around, rejoining the circuit for a second approach. On the second approach, the pilot maintained the normal approach speed of 85 mph IAS and flared the aircraft, touching down at

the normal point on the grass runway. The pilot applied the wheel brakes and the aircraft tipped forward onto its nose. The pilot isolated the fuel and, having notified ATC of the situation, vacated the aircraft.

The pilot and pilot's instructor, who observed the landing, considered that the accident was caused by the brakes being applied too early and too heavily after touchdown.