

## Avro Avion, VH-UFZ

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Avro Avion, VH-UFZ

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Gipsy II piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1927

**Date & Time (UTC):** 7 July 1998 at 1100 hrs

**Location:** Moat Farm, Milden, Suffolk

**Type of Flight:** Private

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

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

**Nature of Damage:** Substantial damage

**Commander's Licence:** Australian Commercial Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 51 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 8,000 hours (of which 30 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 30 hours  
Last 28 days - 30 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was operating into a farm strip with a North /South runway where the surface wind was from the south-west at 5 to 10 kt. Because of the significant slope on the runway, only the 36 direction was used for landing. On roundout, the aircraft drifted to the right and the pilot considered executing a go-around but the up-slope of the runway precluded this. Before the pilot could regain directional control, the right wingtip contacted standing corn on the right-hand edge of the strip. The aircraft swung to the right and came to rest inverted.

The pilot considered that the cause of the accident was landing with a tailwind which led to the loss of rudder authority before the tailwheel became effective.