

Streak Shadow, G-BUWR

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Streak Shadow, G-BUWR

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 582 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1993

Date & Time (UTC): 4 July 1999 at 1025 hrs

Location: Little Cornard Airstrip, Suffolk

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to nosecone and nose landing gear

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 42 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 474 hours (of which 298 were on type)

 Last 90 days - 19 hours

 Last 28 days - 9 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

As the aircraft slowed after touchdown, it started to veer to the right. Despite the application of left rudder and brake, the veer continued and the aircraft came to rest in the boundary fence. The pilot, who was wearing full upper torso restraint, was uninjured but he was unable to open the canopy to make his escape because one of the fence wires had passed over it holding it closed. He did not believe that he was in any immediate danger and knew that help was close at hand so, rather than cause more damage by forcing the canopy open, he remained in the aircraft and was subsequently assisted in his escape.

Post accident examination by the pilot revealed that the right main landing gear tyre had deflated. The cause of this was traced to a hole on the centreline of the inside surface of the inner tube. The wheel is made in two parts and he thought it possible that the tube had been pinched between them.