

**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Sipa 903, G-ATXO

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Continental C90-12F piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1951

**Date & Time (UTC):** 30 June 1994 at 1715 hrs

**Location:** Cranfield Airport, Bedfordshire

**Type of Flight:** Private

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

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

**Nature of Damage:** Substantial to propeller, landing gear and right wingtip

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 50 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 74 hours (of which 11 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 16 hours  
Last 28 days - 10 hours

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

On arrival at Cranfield, the wind was light and variable and the pilot requested a landing on the grass runway. This request was denied and the only alternative offered was the paved Runway 22. The grass runway was unavailable because of work in progress in preparation for the Popular Flying Association rally which was due to start the next day. A witness stated that the surface wind was from the aircraft's rear port quarter. After a normal approach and landing, a swing to the left developed which the pilot was unable to correct by use of rudder. As the swing developed, the right main landing gear collapsed allowing the right wingtip and propeller to come into contact with the runway. The aircraft came to rest at the edge of the runway. The pilot attributed the cause of the accident to the unfavourable surface wind and the paved runway surface combining to produce a situation that was beyond her experience.