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Aircraft type and registration: Amateur Construction Stolp Starduster TOO G-AYMA

No & Type of engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-A2B piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1978

Date and time (UTC): 15 November 1986 at 1626 hrs

Location: Staverton Airport, Cheltenham, Glos.

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Wing tips, rudder, main landing gear damaged. Tailwheel spring broken

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 40 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 346 hours (of which 150 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft landed on runway 22 with a surface wind of 240°/10 knots. After a short distance of ground run the pilot felt the aircraft become unstable. He initiated a go-around but then realised that a ground loop was inevitable and tried to oppose it by applying opposite rudder and brake while holding the tail down. A wing tip hit the ground and the aircraft ran into a drainage ditch alongside the runway.