

No: 7/91

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Craft-Pitts S-1 Special, G-AZPH

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming IO-360-B4A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1970

Date & Time (UTC): 10 May 1991 at 1235 hrs

Location: Little Snoring, Norfolk

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Left, lower wing rear spar and some ribs broken;
damage to tail spring attachment

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 32 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 339 hours (of which 9 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot
and subsequent enquiries

The surface wind was 080°/10-15 kt. A normal three-point landing was made on runway 07. As the pilot moved his feet onto the toebrakes, a swing to the right started. He applied full left rudder but the right turn continued and the left lower wing struck the ground. The propeller and engine suffered no damage and the pilot, who was uninjured, taxied the aircraft clear of the runway.

The pilot considered that, at the time he applied the corrective rudder, the speed was too slow for it to be effective.