

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna A185F Skywagon, G-SAUO	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp IO-520-D piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1974 (Serial no: 185-02324)	
Date & Time (UTC):	30 August 2022 at 1008 hrs	
Location:	Luxters Farm Airstrip, Henley-on-Thames, Buckinghamshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - 1 (Minor)
Nature of Damage:	Aircraft destroyed	
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	69 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	28,000 hours (of which 350 were on type) Last 90 days - 38 hours Last 28 days - 10 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was on a cross-country flight from Shelsley Beauchamp Airfield, Worcestershire, to Luxters Farm Airstrip, Buckinghamshire. Luxters Farm Airstrip is a private 950 m grass airstrip, oriented 10/28, surrounded by trees. The weather was fine and the pilot reported that after flying an approach to Runway 28, the aircraft bounced on landing and he decided to go-around. The aircraft struck trees at the far end of the runway and came to rest on the ground, partially supported by the tree canopy (Figure 1).

The pilot and his passenger received minor bruising in the accident but were otherwise unharmed. The aircraft had been modified with full four-point seat restraints¹ and the pilot stated that, in his opinion, these restraints prevented the occupants from receiving further injuries. The pilot assessed that an earlier decision to go around, following the bounced landing, would have prevented the accident.

Footnote

¹ The standard seat belt arrangement for the Cessna A185F is a lap belt.



Figure 1
G-SAUO accident site