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Aircraft type and registration: CASA 1-131-E3B G-BHSL

No & Type of engines: 1 ENMA Tiger G-IV-B piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1957

Date and time (UTC): 14 July 1986 at 1400 hrs

Location: Badminton, Avon

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — 1 (Minor) Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Lower mainplanes, lower forward fuselage, engine mountings, propeller and landing gear severely damaged

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 42 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 179 hours (of which 40 were on type)

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

Shortly after take-off the pilot became aware of a substantial fuel leak that was pouring fuel onto the passenger's legs. The pilot closed down the engine and carried out a forced landing in a field of standing corn. Substantial damage occurred to the aircraft when the landing gear collapsed during the landing roll. Subsequent examination revealed that the fuel filler cap safety chain had been trapped between the cap and its seating when the cap was last fitted allowing fuel to spill out.