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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Luton LA4A Minor, G-BBCY	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Volkswagen 1600 (Peacock) piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1977	
Date & Time (UTC):	7 August 1993 at 1437 hrs	
Location:	Shoreham Airport, Essex	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to right axle strut and abrasion to right wingtip	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings	
Commander's Age:	52 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	288 hours (one on type) Last 90 days - 7 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was on his first flight on type and was making an approach to land on Runway 21; the weather was good and the surface wind was 220°/10 to 12 kt. The approach was normal until just before touchdown when the pilot retarded the throttle. At that point the right wing dropped and the right wheel contacted the ground; the aircraft rotated through 180° to the right and the right wingtip struck the ground. The pilot stated that the accident resulted from his inexperience on type.