

Aircraft Type and Registration: Evans VP-1 Volksplane, G-BBXZ

No & Type of Engines: 1 Volkswagen 1600 (Peacock) piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1975

Date & Time (UTC): 29 July 1995 at 1625 hrs

Location: Coltishall Airfield, Norfolk

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: The right undercarriage bracing wire snapped and the right wing rear spar fractured

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings

Commander's Age: 28 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 180 hours (of which 63 were on type)
Last 90 days - 52 hours
Last 28 days - 23 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

During the course of a normal landing, in calm wind conditions, one of the two undercarriage bracing wires snapped. During the last six metres of the landing roll-out, the right wingtip contacted the ground, breaking the rear spar.

Subsequent examination of the bracing wire showed that the progress of a fatigue failure had been masked by tape, thus had not been noticed during previous inspections.