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Aircraft Type and Registration: Taylor Monoplane, G-AYUS

No & Type of Engines: 1 Volkswagen 1600 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1992

Date & Time (UTC): 3 November 1992 at 1213 hrs

Location: Coombe Airstrip, Salisbury, Wiltshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Minor to propeller tips, engine cowling and aerial

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 69 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 2,736 hours (of which 6 were on type)
Last 90 days - 23 hours
Last 28 days - 4 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was being flown from Old Sarum airfield to the grass strip at Pepperbox field, Coombe Down, 4 nm SW of Salisbury, Wiltshire. The weather at the time was fine with a surface wind of 240°/10 kt, although there had been heavy rain the previous day.

After a normal landing and at slow speed the aircraft drifted to the left of the strip allowing the left wheel to enter an area of ploughed soil. The aircraft slewed to the left still further and overturned. The pilot, who was wearing a full harness, vacated the aircraft without injury.

The pilot reported that the cause of the accident was due to the very wet and soft grass conditions leading to directional control problems during the landing run.

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