

No: 10/86

Ref: 1b

Aircraft type and registration:	Amateur Construction Wittman W8 G-BMHL	
No & Type of engines:	1 Rolls Royce 0200 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1986	
Date and time (UTC):	24 August 1986 at 1007 hrs	
Location:	Bridlington Aerodrome, Yorks	
Type of flight:	Private (pleasure)	
Persons on board:	Crew — 1	Passengers — None
Injuries:	Crew — None	Passengers — N/A
Nature of damage:	Substantial damage to wings, propeller, engine mounting, and tail	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	55 years	
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	1100 hours (of which 31 were on type)	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft took-off for a local flight from a farm strip. The pilot had not obtained a meteorological forecast. On take-off the wind was northerly at 12 knots but rapidly increased in strength until the pilot decided that it would not be prudent to land back at his departure field where the landing strip was out of wind. He therefore diverted to Bridlington where runway 33 was available with a landing run of 253 metres. The wind at Bridlington was northerly at 20 knots and gusting. Following a normal approach at 80 knots, the aircraft bounced on landing and rolled to the left. Before the pilot could initiate a go-around, the left wing tip contacted the ground and the aircraft cartwheeled coming to rest inverted. There was no fire and the pilot was uninjured.