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Aircraft Type and Registration: Viscount 813, G-AZNA

No & Type of Engines: 4 Rolls Royce Dart 530 turbo-prop engines

Year of Manufacture: 1958

Date and Time (UTC): 1 October 1988 at 1645 hrs

Location: London/Gatwick Airport

Type of Flight: Non-scheduled passenger

Persons on Board: Crew - 5 Passengers -32

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers -None

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear collapsed

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 54 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 9435 hours (of which 3029 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by pilot

Pushback was attempted with the handbrake applied and this caused the nose landing gear to collapse. Turnround time had been reduced by an earlier technical delay, and a further delay was caused by the non-availability of start clearance until 3 minutes before the outbound slot time.