

Cessna 650, Citation III, PH-MEX B1736

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 650, Citation III, PH-MEX
No & Type of Engines:	2 TFE731-3B turbofan engines
Year of Manufacture:	1992
Date & Time (UTC):	16 January 1998 at 0727 hrs
Location:	Exeter Airport, Devon
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2 - Passengers - 8
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Substantial to left main landing gear assembly, left inboard flap and left landing light
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	50 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	8,900 hours (of which 655 were on type) Last 90 days - 74 hours Last 28 days - 34 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Two seconds after the aircraft touched down on Runway 26, as it decelerated through approximately 120 kt, it collided with a small deer that had strayed onto the runway. Despite the damage caused when the deer struck the left main landing gear, the pilot was able to taxi to the ramp for normal passenger disembarkation. Aircraft debris and the dead animal were recovered from the runway during the subsequent post occurrence inspection.

The Aerodrome Controller, who came on duty at 0500 hrs that morning, had carried out a full inspection of the runway and taxiways prior to the accident. It was dark at the time of the accident and the deer, which is believed to have jumped a 4 feet airfield boundary fence to the north of the runway, would not have been visible from the control tower or the aircraft.