

**No: 8/85**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Rollason BETA B2A G-AWHV (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

**Year of Manufacture:** 1969

**Date and time (GMT):** 21 July 1985 at 1010 hrs

**Location:** Redhill Aerodrome

**Type of flight:** Private (pleasure)

**Persons on board:** Crew — 1                      Passengers — None

**Injuries:** Crew — None                      Passengers — N/A

**Nature of damage:** Damage to propeller, engine cowlings, wheel spats, and right wing tip

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 55 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 381 hours (of which 35 minutes were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

The pilot was attempting to land back at Redhill following his first familiarisation flight in this type of aircraft. Anticipating a lengthy period of float before touchdown, the pilot flared his aircraft when he estimated the distance to the threshold of Runway 26 to be some 150 metres. As the aircraft crossed the runway threshold at a height estimated between 10 and 20 feet it sank rapidly to the ground. The right wing dropped and, after the right wing tip had struck the ground, the aircraft crashed onto its nose coming to rest in a nose down position slightly to the right of the runway centreline. There was no fire.