

**Aircraft type and registration:** Rockwell Commander 114A G-NATT

**No & Type of engines:** 1 Lycoming 10-540-T4B5D piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1979

**Date and time (GMT):** 8 December 1987 at 1435 hrs

**Location:** Manchester International Airport

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

**Persons on board:** Crew — 1                      Passengers — 1

**Injuries:** Crew — None                      Passengers — None

**Nature of damage:** Relatively minor

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

**Commander's Age:** 50 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 220 hours (of which 29 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and telephone enquiries made by AAIB

On the approach to runway 06, in good weather, the pilot selected the gear down and observed three green lights. After a normal landing the aircraft was taxied 2—300 yards to the diagonal taxiway halfway along the runway. As the pilot was about to turn the aircraft off the runway to the right, the nose gear collapsed and the aircraft slid for 50 yards before coming to rest. The two occupants were wearing diagonal upper torso restraint and were uninjured.

The aircraft received damage to the nose gear door, propeller, bent nose gear jack, and the engine is to be tested for shock-loading. No specific reason for the inadvertent retraction has been found, but the engineering investigation is continuing.

The agency that recovered the aircraft reports finding the gear selector slightly out of its "down" detent.