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Aircraft Type and Registration: Grob G115, G-BOPT

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-325-H2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1988

Date & Time (UTC): 27 March 1994 at 1255 hrs

Location: Barton (Manchester) Airfield

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear collapsed, propeller tips broken

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 49 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 3,153 hours (of which 22 were on type)
Last 90 days - 4 hours
Last 28 days - 1 hour

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft had been on a local flight from Barton Airfield and the accident occurred when it returned for a landing on Runway 09 north. Weather conditions were rain with visibility of 8 km and a surface wind from 180° at 12 kt with gusts to 20 kt. The grass surface was wet.

The pilot reports that on landing the aircraft struck a bird and the touchdown was heavy. There was a second birdstrike then the nose landing gear oleo collapsed and the propeller contacted the grass surface as the aircraft slid to a stop on the runway. The pilot, who had been secured by lap and diagonal harness, shut down the engine and released himself from the aircraft without injury.