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Aircraft type and registration: Rockwell Commander 112A G-DASH

No & Type of engines: 1 Lycoming 10-360-CID6 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1975

Date and time (UTC): 28 June 1987 at 1840 hrs

Location: Manchester Airport

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Minor to nose cowlings, nose landing gear doors and propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with Instrument and Night Ratings

Commander's Age: 63 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 1662 hours (of which 48 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and CAA Surveyor's report.

During the landing roll following a normal landing on Runway 24 at Manchester International Airport, the nose landing gear retracted. During the previous three weeks, four entries had been made in the Aircraft Technical Log relating to faulty nose landing gear indication. Subsequent to the accident, the aircraft was examined by a surveyor of the Civil Aviation Authority Airworthiness Division who's report concluded that the undemanded nose landing gear retraction could have been caused by a number of defects found in the rigging and actuation of the landing gear although it was not possible to determine which of these faults had actually caused the accident.