

**No: 6/87**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Beechcraft B60 Duke G-SING

**No & Type of engines:** 2 Lycoming T10-541-E1A4 piston engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 1968

**Date and time (UTC):** 10 April 1987 at 2218 hrs

**Location:** Leavesden Airport Nr Watford, Herts

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

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

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

**Nature of damage:** Relatively minor — bent propeller tips

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

**Commander's Age:** 43 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 955 hours (of which 141 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and AIB telephone enquiry.

The aircraft was on a night flight from Luton to Leavesden. After being given a heading to steer to Leavesden, the pilot carried out a straight in visual approach to runway 24. The weather was reported as wind coming from 220° magnetic 15—20 knots, 3 oktas of cloud at 600 feet, and a visibility of 6 kilometres.

Over the threshold the pilot checked to see if his taxi light was illuminated as the runway appeared to be dark, and he then noticed that the landing gear green lights were not illuminated. He initiated a go-around as the landing gear warning horn almost simultaneously sounded, and a brief scraping sound was heard.

The aircraft completed a circuit with no reported handling problems and landed safely. There were no injuries. When the aircraft was examined, all six propeller blades were found to be bent, and part of the ventral VHF aerial had been scraped away.

The pilot has no explanation for the omission, other than he had had a long business day, and may have "paged on" the aircraft's electronic visual display unit past the landing check list.