

Cessna 172H, G-CCCC, 9 May 1996

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 172H, G-CCCC

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rolls-Royce Continental O-300-D,piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1967

Date & Time (UTC): 9 May 1996 at 1258 hrs

Location: Ostend Airport, Belgium

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to nose landing gear, right wing;propeller damaged and engine shock loaded

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with NightRating

Commander's Age: 44 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 437 hours (of which 320were on type)

Last 90 days - 5 hours

Last 28 days - 5 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submittedby the pilot

The aircraft was flown from Bourn, Cambridge to Ostend where itlanded on Runway 08. The pilot reported that the landing wassatisfactory and the aircraft had begun to slow. He had appliedfull left aileron and was maintaining it when a gust of wind causedthe left wing to rise suddenly. The right wing tip and propellerstruck the runway and the aircraft came to a halt, on the runway,heading south east.

The pilot thought that the last wind report he had been givenon the approach was about 060°/15 kt; he recalled that theactual conditions appeared gustier than this implied. The postaccident weather report gave the surface wind as 010°/23kt with gusts to 33 kt.