

No: 2/83

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Aircraft: Enstrom F28A G-BBIN

Year of Manufacture: 1973

Date and time (GMT): 27 December 1982 at 1349 hrs

Location: 5 miles North of New Alresford, Hants

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 2

Injuries: Crew - Nil Passengers - Minor

Nature of damage: Substantial

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters)

Commander's Age 39

Commander's total flying experience: 55 hours (all on type)

The pilot/owner, who had recently completed his training on 23 December, was hover-taxying to the end of a field in order to take off into wind when the helicopter was caught by a gust and the pilot tried to put the machine down. The port undercarriage skid contacted soft, wet ground as the helicopter drifted to port, and the machine rolled over onto its port side causing extensive damage to the helicopter. The wind was reported as 220°/10 kts with gusts.