

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Cessna U206G Stationair, G-BSUE	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Continental Motors Corp IO-520-F piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1978	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	28 July 2009 at 1650 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Elstree Aerodrome, Hertfordshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 5
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Landing gear, both wings and propeller	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	39 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	97 hours (of which 9 were on type) Last 90 days - 35 hours Last 28 days - 11 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft took off for a local sightseeing flight. The weather conditions were good, although the strong westerly wind was described as "gusty at times". After takeoff, the pilot noticed that the aircraft "was not gaining speed as it normally did". Witnesses to the takeoff described the aircraft as having a higher nose-up attitude than normal. The pilot lowered the nose and the aircraft accelerated but he felt that more power than normal was required, so he decided to land back at Elstree. Close to the threshold on final approach, the aircraft suddenly dropped. The pilot applied power to minimize the impending bounce but, as he did so, the

aircraft yawed violently to the left and struck the ground. The aircraft stopped quickly and the pilot and his five passengers exited the aircraft normally, uninjured. There was no fire.

The pilot considered that, being heavier than usual, the aircraft stalled at a higher speed than he was expecting, although he did not recall hearing the stall warning horn. He thought the sudden yaw to the left may have been because his front seat passenger, alarmed by the aircraft's sudden descent, inadvertently applied pressure on the left rudder pedal.