

Aircraft type and registration: Cessna 337F G-BACF (light twin-engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1972

Date and time (GMT): 5 October 1983 at 1610 hrs

Location: Newtownards Aerodrome, near Belfast

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew – 1 Passengers – Nil

Injuries: Crew – Nil Passengers – N/A

Nature of damage: Undercarriage collapsed, both propellers bent, damage to nose, tail and left wing

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 42 years

Commander's total flying experience: 352 hours (of which 15 were on type)

The aircraft made an approach to runway 22 using full flaps in a surface wind velocity of 280°/20 knots gusting to 25 knots. The aircraft bounced twice on landing and the pilot decided to overshoot. He applied full power but the aircraft failed to climb. After a further bounce, the tail struck the runway and the undercarriage collapsed. There was no report of any defect in the airframe or engines that might have contributed to the accident.