

<b>No:</b> 8/90	<b>Ref:</b> EW/G90/06/12	<b>Category:</b> 2b
<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Aerospatiale SA 365N, G-HEMS	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	2 Turbomeca Arriel 1C turboshaft engines	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1982	
<b>Date and Time (UTC):</b>	1 June 1990 at 1011 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Fulham Palace Road, London	
<b>Type of flight:</b>	Public Transport (air ambulance)	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 2      Passengers - None	
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None      Passengers - N/A	
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Main rotor blade tips damaged	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	43 years	
<b>Commander's Total Flying Experience:</b>	9038 hours (of which 81 were on type)	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Whilst performing an ambulance flight, the helicopter landed at a main road intersection adjacent to the hospital, in an area confined by buildings on one side and a row of trees on the other, from where the patient was escorted to the hospital by the onboard doctor and paramedic. The two roads concerned had been closed to traffic by the police and, in order to relieve this situation as quickly as possible, the helicopter was to be flown to a nearby park to await the return of the medical team.

During the take-off, the main rotor blade tips brushed the trees but, as this appeared to the commander to have no serious effect on control of the helicopter, the take-off was continued and an uneventful landing was made in the park. The commander shut down the engines and inspected the blade tips, which were then changed.