

Aircraft type and registration: Cessna F 150M, G-BEWP (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1977

Date and time (GMT): 4 October 1983 at 1350 hrs

Location: Aboyne Aerodrome, Aberdeen

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — Nil

Nature of damage: Aircraft damaged beyond economic repair

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 25 years

Commander's total flying experience: 654 hours (of which 512 hours were on type)

After a flight from Inverness the aircraft arrived at Aboyne while a rain shower was in progress. Overflying the field, the pilot observed that the surface wind was southerly at an estimated 15–20 knots and he elected to land on runway 27. Because he anticipated the presence of turbulence he decided to carry out a flapless landing having satisfied himself that the runway length was sufficient. Turbulence and wind shear were experienced on the approach and to avoid the risk of undershooting the pilot aimed to land approximately a quarter of the way along the runway whose surface at the time was wet. After a normal touch-down the brakes were applied but they appeared to have little effect in stopping the aircraft and the pilot steered it to an area where it would suffer least damage. Unfortunately, the nose gear hit some rocks causing it to collapse and the aircraft then somersaulted and came to rest inverted. Both occupants were unhurt and successfully evacuated the cabin.