

No: 12/83

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Aircraft type and registration: Falco F8L series 2, G-VEGL (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1958

Date and time (GMT): 11 September 1983 at 1645 hrs

Location: Fair Oaks Aerodrome

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — Nil

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Nose gear broken. Damage to engine and propeller and left wing tip

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 36 years

Commander's total flying experience: 236 hours (of which 18 hours were on type)

The aircraft, on completion of a cross-country flight, was lined up with the runway centre line on final approach in gusty crosswind conditions with fairly severe turbulence. As the aircraft flared a strong gust caused the left wing to drop and the wing tip struck the ground. The aircraft landed on the left main gear followed by the nose gear which collapsed under side loads. The aircraft came to rest at the side of the runway.