

No: 8/84

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Aircraft type and registration: Cessna F172M G-BGV5 (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1973

Date and time (GMT): 19 May 1984 at 1830 hrs

Location: West Fen Drain, Frithville, Lincolnshire

Type of flight: Test

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — Nil

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Minor — to spinner, propeller and cowlings. Power cables severed

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 35 years

Commander's total flying experience: 121 hours (of which 7 hours were on type)

Information Source: Accident report pro-forma completed by pilot

The pilot took off from Boston to carry out a check on the aircraft's ILS installation in the vicinity of RAF Coningsby aerodrome. He then flew low along the course of the West Fen Drain towards Frithville with the intention of returning from there southwards back to Boston. Before reaching Frithville the aircraft struck electricity power cables suspended at a height of approximately 25 feet agl.

The aircraft sustained minor damage to the spinner, propeller, engine cowlings and wing but the pilot retained control and landed safely at Boston aerodrome.