

No: 10/86

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Aircraft type and registration: DH115 Series T11 G-VTII

No & Type of engines: 1 De Havilland Goblin 3 turbine engine

Year of Manufacture: 1954

Date and time (UTC): 10 August 1986 at 1435 hrs

Location: Cranfield Airport, Bedfordshire

Type of flight: Air Display

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Slight, cockpit canopy destroyed

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 63 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 10,000 hours (of which approximately 50 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was following a DH Venom along runway 08 for a take-off from runway 04 when it was held by Air Traffic Control at the intersection.

All cockpit checks including the take-off checks were completed with the exception of locking the canopy.

On reaching the threshold of runway 04 an immediate take-off was commenced and at about 80 knots the canopy lifted and broke away from the aircraft. The take-off was abandoned and the pilot stopped the aircraft on the runway.