

No: 6/85

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Aircraft type and registration: Grumman AA-5 G-BCEO (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1974

Date and time (GMT): 28 May 1985 at 1725 hrs

Location: Exeter Airport

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Substantial damage to the aircraft

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 62 years

Commander's total flying experience: 686 hours (of which 27 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

Following one touch and go landing, the aircraft made a normal approach to a full stop landing. On initial touchdown at the runway threshold the aircraft bounced and the pilot applied throttle in order to cushion the second impact. The engine failed to respond and the aircraft made three or four successively heavier landings before coming to rest.

On three previous occasions the engine had cut after the landing and, following inspection, it was considered that carburettor icing had been the cause. It has been subsequently stated by the pilot that during this flight there was no chance of carburettor icing.

The weather was reported as CAVOK with a temperature of 15°C.