

No: 3/86

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

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date and time (GMT): 14 July 1985 at 0929 hrs

Location: Elstree Aerodrome

Type of flight: Training

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Nose wheel strut broken. Propeller bent

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 50 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 20 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot on 1 March 1986

The student pilot had flown solo for the first time a week previously. On the day of the accident he had completed three solo circuits when he was informed by radio that the instructor wished him to land.

After a normal approach the aircraft porpoised on landing. After several bounces the aircraft came to rest on its nose, the nosewheel gear having broken. The pilot attributes his failure to initiate a go-around, following the first bounce on landing, to his lack of experience.