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Aircraft type and registration: Grumman G164B Agcat G-BEIJ (light single engined bi-plane)

Year of Manufacture: 1976

Date and time (GMT): 2 July 1985 at 1515 hrs

Location: Gibbons Strip, Holton-Le-Moor, Lincs

Type of flight: Aerial application

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Substantial

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 44 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 4500 hours (of which 1600 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by pilot.

The pilot was detailed to fly to the Gibbons road strip to pick up a hopper. On arrival overhead he carried out a circuit to check that the approach was clear of vehicles and other obstructions. On touching down on the road the lower right wing-tip was caught by overhanging oil seed rape and the aircraft yawed to the right. Just before coming to rest the main wheels hit a slight ridge and the aircraft flipped onto its back.

There was substantial damage to the leading edges and top surfaces of the upper wing, but the cockpit area was undamaged and the pilot was able to leave the aircraft without difficulty.