

No: 9/87

Ref: 1b

Aircraft type and registration: DH88 Comet G-ACSS

No & Type of engines: 2 De Havilland Gipsy Queen II piston engines

Year of Manufacture: 1934

Date and time (GMT): 4 July 1987 at 1142 hrs

Location: Hatfield Aerodrome

Type of flight: Air Display

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Moderate to left main gear, left engine nacelle and propeller, left main plane, and right main gear

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 40 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 4982 hours (of which 7 were on type)

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

The aircraft made a main wheel landing on the concrete runway 06 in calm conditions. As the speed reduced the tail was lowered and directional control maintained. As the aircraft continued to slow down a swing to the left occurred and was corrected with right rudder and differential brake. A swing to the right was then experienced and developed into an uncontrollable ground-loop to the right. The left main gear collapsed and the aircraft came to rest on the runway facing the opposite direction to runway 06. Upper torso restraint was being worn and held throughout. There was no fire. It is understood that repair and restoration is to be undertaken.