

Bellanca Citabria, G-CITA, 19 June 1996

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Bellanca Citabria, G-CITA

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming AEIO-320-E2B piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1975

Date & Time (UTC): 19 June 1996 at 1710 hrs

Location: Runway 14, Ipswich Airport, Suffolk

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Right-hand undercarriage collapse and damage to right wing

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Rating

Commander's Age: 34 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 147 hours (of which 8 were on type)

Last 90 days - 30 hours

Last 28 days - 14 hours

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

At the conclusion of a thirty minute local flight, the pilot returned to his departure airfield and elected to make a landing on Runway 14. At the time of his take off he had estimated that the surface wind was 110 to 120°/5 to 8 kt and that the wind was backing. During the approach, with a noticeable cross-wind from the left, the aircraft was high and fast but the pilot considered that a safe landing could still be made in the runway remaining. On landing, the aircraft bounced and then landed tail-wheel first. Shortly afterwards, at a ground speed of approximately 20 kt, it began a ground loop to the left which the pilot was unable to control. The right-hand undercarriage then collapsed and the right wing contacted the ground.