

## Hughes 269C, G-BXMY

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Hughes 269C, G-BXMY

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming HIO-360-D1A piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1974

**Date & Time (UTC):** 14 June 2000 at 1206 hrs

**Location:** Redhill Aerodrome, Surrey

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 2 - Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Split skid tube, damaged rear crossbeam

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters)

**Commander's Age:** 44 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 497 hours (of which 15 were on type)

Last 90 days - 16 hours

Last 28 days - 13 hours

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

A recently qualified helicopter pilot was flying a 30-day recency check with a flying instructor at Redhill airfield. The weather was fine with a strong south westerly wind of 16 to 20 kt. During the final stages of a practice engine-off approach to the southern helicopter training area the aircraft suddenly lost forward speed and sank rapidly to the ground from approximately 10 feet. As a result the helicopter suffered a split starboard skid tube and the rear crossbeam was damaged beyond limits and required replacing.

The instructor considered that the cause of the accident was late corrective action for a loss of airspeed a result of low level windshear.