

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Robinson R22 Beta, G-INKY	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-B2C piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1989	
Date & Time (UTC):	27 May 2009 at 0830 hrs	
Location:	Wester Cartmore Farm, Lochgelly, Fife	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Severe damage to main and tail rotor assembly, fuselage and right skid	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	42 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	374 hours (of which 366 were on type) Last 90 days - 79 hours Last 28 days - 24 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The helicopter was being operated from a private site in a rural location. The reported surface wind at Edinburgh Airport, 10 nm to the south, was from 220° at 16 kt. The pilot stated that the surface wind at the site was similar to that at Edinburgh and that the wind direction during start up was from 90° to the right of the helicopter nose. As the helicopter lifted to the hover, the pilot reported

that a gust of wind caught him by surprise and, while correcting for this, the right skid and main rotor struck the ground. The helicopter then settled back onto both skids and remained upright, having turned 90° to the left. The pilot reported that the main and tail rotors and right side of the fuselage were damaged. He was uninjured.