

Grob G115D 2, G-BVHD

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Grob G115D 2, G-BVHD	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming AEIO-320-D1B piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1994	
Date & Time (UTC):	12 March 2003 at 1240 hrs	
Location:	Plymouth City Airport	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Right wheel rim and both wing tips	
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	65 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	9,000 hours (of which 800 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 60 hours	
	Last 28 days - 20 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The student pilot, who was the handling pilot, was conducting circuit training on Runway 13 at Plymouth City Airport. The surface wind was 060°/15 kt with gusts to 22 kt, Runway 06 was not available. After touchdown the student applied right rudder to counter the crosswind but the aircraft drifted towards the left edge of the runway. The student increased the power and pulled back on the stick sharply in an attempt to raise the nose before reaching the runway edge. The aircraft briefly became airborne but with the combination of right rudder, nose-up elevator, partial power and a gusting wind from the left, the aircraft touched down heavily on the right wheel causing attendant damage to the right wing tip.

The instructor pilot took control and applied full power but was unable to prevent the left wing tip striking the runway before the aircraft climbed away. Once at a safe height he conducted a handling check in the landing configuration before returning to land without further incident.