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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 337 Skymaster, G-AXHA

No & Type of Engines: 2 Continental Motors Corp IO-360-C (Front), IO-360-D (Rear) piston engines

Year of Manufacture: 1966

Date and Time (UTC): 17 June 1988 at 1320 hrs

Location: Bourne Aerodrome, near Cambridge

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Front engine shock loaded, fuselage underside scraped

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 59 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 2155 hours (of which 28 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the Pilot

Pre-landing checks were commenced prior to establishing on a 5 nm final approach. Flap was selected at 160 mph and the gear checked, but not lowered, as the speed was in excess of the gear limiting speed (144 mph).

The aircraft subsequently touched down gently on its fuselage, slid some distance, and came to rest in the middle of the runway.

The pilot ascribes the accident to his failure to revert to the checklist during the pre-landing phase and failure to check the gear selection whilst on final approach.