

Aircraft type and registration: Beechcraft BE24R Sierra 200 G-BBSC (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1974

Date and time (GMT): 6 October 1985 at 1310 hrs

Location: Newtownards Airfield, N. Ireland

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Damage to pitot head, port flap hinges, steps and propeller tips

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 44 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 396 hours (of which 85 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and telephone inquiries with the pilot, ground engineer and witnesses.

On its sixth touch-and-go on runway 22 the aircraft landed with only the right-hand landing gear down and locked: the aircraft veered to the left and came to rest on a heading of approximately 160 degrees with no injury to the pilot. Witnesses reports indicate that the landing gear was in the retracted position when the aircraft crossed the runway threshold, and that there was insufficient time for the gear to extend fully before the aircraft touched down.

This model of aircraft is fitted with a warning horn which will sound continuously when the throttle is retarded below approximately 12 inches of Hg manifold pressure with the landing gear retracted. Subsequent examination of the aircraft showed the landing gear system to be functioning correctly, including the warning horn.