

Colomban Cri-Cri, G-CRIC

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Colomban Cri-Cri, G-CRIC

No & Type of Engines: 2 JPX PUL 212 piston engines

Year of Manufacture: 1988

Date & Time (UTC): 23 November 1998 at 1310 hrs

Location: Redhill Aerodrome, Surrey

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial to airframe

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 48 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 274 hours (of which one was on type)
Last 90 days - 2 hours
Last 28 days - 1 hour

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

This was the pilot's second flight on type. The aircraft was taking off on Runway 08 with a surface wind of 5 kt. When the pilot rotated the aircraft at 40 kt, it pitched to a higher nose attitude than expected causing the tail to strike the ground. The pilot moved the control column forward causing the nosewheel to contact the runway. The aircraft then veered to the left and departed the runway before once more becoming airborne and adopting a high nose attitude. As the pilot closed the throttles, the aircraft rolled and the left wingtip struck the ground resulting in the aircraft yawing to the left and landing in a flat attitude before completing a ground loop.

The pilot considered that the cause of the accident was his over controlling at rotation and his failure to abort the take off at a sufficiently early stage.

