

No: 9/86

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Aircraft type and registration: Varieze G-BKVE

No & Type of engines: 1 Rolls Royce Continental 0-200A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1986

Date and time (UTC): 28 June 1986 at 1408 hrs

Location: Coventry Airport

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Slight damage to nose fuselage, broken nose landing gear

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 51 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 393 hours (of which 3 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

The pilot performed a normal landing on runway 05 at Coventry Airport. Touchdown speed was approximately 70 mph but at about 55—60 mph he heard a loud crack and the nose of the aircraft dropped. The aircraft slid to a halt on its nose bumper after approximately 50 yards.

Inspection showed that the nose wheel fork had fractured, detaching the nosewheel. The owner reports that the fork was of an earlier design which was subsequently revised to provide increased strength in this area.