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Aircraft Type and Registration: Robinson R-22 Beta, G-BPJC

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1988

Date and Time (UTC): 31 May 1989 at 1540 hrs

Location: Nottingham Airport, Tollerton, Nottinghamshire

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Skids splayed and tail boom crumpled

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 40 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 17 hours (of which all were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student was lifting off for his first solo flight. On take-off the aircraft yawed to the left and continued to turn through 560° before the right rear skid touched the ground. The aircraft then settled heavily on to its skids and came to rest in an upright position. The instructor, who had observed the attempt to take-off, assisted the student to shut down and leave the aircraft. After the accident, the instructor stated that he had decided to include more training in yaw turns before the first solo flight.