

Beech 95-B55, G-FABM

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Beech 95-B55, G-FABM

No & Type of Engines: 2 Continental IO-470-L piston engines

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date & Time (UTC): 27 March 1999 at 1118 hrs

Location: Guernsey Airport, Channel Islands

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial to underside of aircraft and propellers

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings

Commander's Age: 74 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 2,191 hours (of which 837 were on type)
Last 90 days - 7 hours
Last 28 days - 5 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

While taking part in a spot landing competition, the pilot omitted to lower the landing gear and landed with the gear retracted after failure of the gear warning horn to operate.

The pilot attributed the cause of the accident to various distractions including being close to the preceding aircraft in the landing pattern. The rules for the competition included a specific warning relating to the lowering of landing gear and completion of pre-landing checks.