

Hughes 269C, G-BOVY

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Hughes 269C, G-BOVY

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming HIO-360-D1A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date & Time (UTC): 17 March 1999 at 1544 hrs

Location: Redhill Aerodrome, Surrey

Type of Flight: Private (Training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IR (Helicopters)

Commander's Age: 40 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 1,725 hours (of which 1,300 were on type)
Last 90 days - 110 hours
Last 28 days - 50 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was being instructed in hover taxiing sideways by an experienced instructor. The weather was fine with a light and variable surface wind. The student allowed the helicopter to get too low and the instructor told him to increase his height but before he could do so, the right skid dug into the ground and the helicopter rolled onto its side. Neither occupant was injured, but the aircraft suffered substantial damage.