

## DH115 Vampire MK55, G-DHWW, 16 May 1998 at 1251 hrs

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** DH115 Vampire MK55, G-DHWW

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 de Havilland Goblin MK 35B turbojet engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1959

**Date & Time (UTC):** 16 May 1998 at 1251 hrs

**Location:** Bournemouth Airport

**Type of Flight:** Private (Training)

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 2 - Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Minor damage to belly of the aircraft

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 57 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 6,550 hours (of which 52 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 6 hours  
Last 28 days - 6 hours

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

The aircraft had landed on Runway 08 after a routine training flight. As the aircraft taxied clear of the runway, at an estimated speed of 5 to 10 kt, the pilot completed the after landing checks and inadvertently raised the landing gear instead of the flaps.

There are local orders in place at Bournemouth which encourage the Vampire not to come to rest on the asphalt surfaces until actually parking. This is because the angle at which the engine is set causes the jet efflux to impinge upon the surface and this causes damage to the asphalt. The aircraft operator's procedures have since been amended to ensure that flap retraction is not completed until the aircraft has come to a final halt.