

Vans RV-6A, G-HOPY

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Vans RV-6A, G-HOPY

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-B2B piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1998

Date & Time (UTC): 4 September 1999 at 1630 hrs

Location: Dunkeswell Aerodrome, Devon

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear collapsed, damage to propeller and right wing

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC Rating

Commander's Age: 54 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 508 hours (of which 104 were on type)

Last 90 days - 21 hours

Last 28 days - 12 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was landing on Runway 05 at Dunkeswell Aerodrome after a flight from Bodmin. The pilot had executed two go-arounds from his first two approaches because of other traffic. On the third approach, the pilot became aware of another aircraft close behind him on the approach. He was therefore keen to land as quickly as possible. The aircraft touched down but bounced two or three times, whereupon the nose landing gear collapsed.

In retrospect, the pilot believed that his approach speed may have been too high and the perceived need to hurry the landing adversely affected his judgement.