

No: 12/83

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Aircraft type and registration: Rallye 110 ST G-BGKB (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date and time (GMT): 18 August 1983 at 1740 hrs

Location: Dunkeswell Aerodrome

Type of flight: Private (Training)

Persons on board: Crew – 1 Passengers – Nil

Injuries: Crew – Nil Passengers – N/A

Nature of damage: Left undercarriage leg detached

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 25 years

Commander's total flying experience: 11 hours (all on type, of which 2 hours were solo)

The pilot lined up for take-off on tarmac runway 18, with an estimated surface wind of 160°/8 – 10 knots. As the aircraft accelerated it swung to the left in spite of the pilot's attempts to correct it. As it was about to run off the edge of the runway the pilot attempted to lift the aircraft off, but immediately it stalled and continued on to the grass, where it ran for 75 – 100 metres before coming to rest with the left undercarriage leg collapsed.