Grumman AA-5, G-BCIK

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Grumman AA-5, G-BCIK

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-E2G piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1974

Date & Time (UTC): 20 May 2000 at 1415 hrs

Location: Tatenhill Airfield, Staffordshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Extensive

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 53 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 120 hours (of which 2 were on type)

Last 90 days - Nil hours

Last 28 days - Nil hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was landing on Runway 26 after a local flight, with a surface wind from 190° at 7 kt. Eyewitnesses reported that the aircraft bounced on initial touchdown and began a series of divergent bounces, culminating in the collapse of the nose landing gear and further extensive damage to the airframe. The pilot assessed that the accident had been caused by the lack of a positive decision to execute a go-around.