

Oldfield Baby Great Lakes, G-BRKO

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Oldfield Baby Great Lakes, G-BRKO

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental A75 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1975

Date & Time (UTC): 17 February 2001 at 1430 hrs

Location: Belle Vue Airfield, North Devon

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's licence

Commander's Age: 59 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 762 hours (of which 1 hour was on type)

Last 90 days - 6 hours

Last 28 days - 3 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was carrying out his second flight on the aircraft type. The take off was made from grass Runway 08 at Belle Vue Airfield, length 625 metres. Weather conditions were good with a light south-east wind. The pilot lifted the tail off the ground during the take off roll and the aircraft became airborne easily after that. He then held the aircraft level, in ground effect, until about half way along the runway at which time he commenced a climb. At about 10 to 12 feet above the runway the pilot felt that there was a loss of power and knowing there were obstacles ahead decided to land back on. The touchdown was heavy and the aircraft nosed over coming to rest inverted. The pilot, who was wearing a full harness and flying helmet, was able to release himself and escape from the aircraft with no injuries.