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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cameron A-210 Hot Air Balloon, G-GURL

No & Type of Engines: None

Year of Manufacture: 1990

Date & Time (UTC): 3 September 1991 at 0945 hrs

Location: East Meon, Hampshire

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 10

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - 1 (serious)

Nature of Damage: None

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence (Balloons)

Commander's Age: 44 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 314 hours (of which 64 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

A landing was planned in a field of cut grass with no obstructions in either under or overshoot areas; the surface wind was north-easterly at 10 to 12 kt. The passengers were briefed for the landing and adopted the correct positions. The balloon lifted off momentarily after initial contact, touched down again and came to rest after a "drag" of about 30 feet. All aspects of the landing were reported to have been perfectly normal. It was when the pilot gave permission for the passengers to leave the basket that one of them indicated that he had suffered an injury to his foot. Subsequent examination at the hospital revealed that the ankle had been dislocated and there was a fracture of the foot.