

# Robinson R22 Beta G-DELT

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<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Robinson R22 Beta G-DELT
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming O-320-B2C piston engine
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1988
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	17 December 1996 at 1300 hrs
<b>Location:</b>	Wycombe Air Park, Nr Marlow, Bucks
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Training
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Minor dents in the tail boom; one tail rotor blade broken off and damage to the tail rotor drive shaft
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Student
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	37 years
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	42 hours (all on type) Last 90 days - 38 hours Last 28 days - 13 hours
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student was detailed to practise some hovering exercises including spot turns. During a turn to the left, the rear of the left skid contacted the ground; the aircraft pitched backwards and the tail struck the ground breaking off one of the tail rotor blades. The student acknowledged that he had been hovering too low for the required exercise.