

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Rockwell Commander 112, G-FLPI	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming IO-360-C1D6 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1974	
Date & Time (UTC):	25 May 2009 at 1129 hrs	
Location:	Newcastle International Airport	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to propeller, nose gear, and forward fuselage	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	61 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	797 hours (of which 669 were on type) Last 90 days - 9 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The accident occurred during landing on Runway 25 at Newcastle International Airport. The aircraft veered violently to the left on touchdown. The pilot was unable to prevent it from departing the runway and it came to an abrupt stop in long grass. The nosewheel collapsed, the propeller and fuselage suffered damage, but the pilot

was uninjured. According to the METAR at 1120 hrs, the wind was from 180° at 9 kt, variable between 130° and 210°. From ascent data taken close to Newcastle at 1115 hrs, the Met Office subsequently estimated that gusts of up to 13 kt could be expected between 180° and 200°.