

No: 11/89

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Grumman AA-5B, G-BIPU	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-360-A4K piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1978	
Date and Time (UTC):	17 September 1989 at 1230 hrs	
Location:	Skegness Airfield, Lincs	
Type of Flight:	Private (pleasure)	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Substantial to nose and main gear, propeller, and tail section	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings	
Commander's Age:	39 years	
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	198 hours (of which 27 were on type)	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and AAIB telephone enquiry	

The pilot had flown into Skegness on previous occasions in other types of aircraft. He was advised on the air/ground frequency that the runway in use was 11. This is a grass runway 568 metres long and 45 metres wide. The wind was reported as light and variable.

The pilot states that the aircraft was high and fast on the approach, but that he shed the excess height by means of a sideslip. He also reports that the flare and touchdown may have been fast, and after touchdown the brakes were applied and he assessed the braking action as poor. By this time he considered that there was insufficient runway remaining to execute a go-around, and so he steered the aircraft to the left to extend the landing distance available. The aircraft was then heading towards taller grass which hid a dyke into which the aircraft rolled, causing substantial damage.

The occupants were wearing lap and diagonal harness and were uninjured.