

# Cessna 421C Golden Eagle, G-NSGI, 20 July 1996

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Cessna 421C Golden Eagle, G-NSGI

**No & Type of Engines:** 2 Continental GTSIO-520-L piston engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 1980

**Date & Time (UTC):** 20 July 1996 at 1110 hrs

**Location:** Runway 26, Elstree Airport

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

**Injuries:** Crew - None Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Damage to left mainwheel

**Commander's Licence:** Basic Commercial Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings

**Commander's Age:** 47 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 1,900 hours (of which 500 were on type)

Last 90 days - 80 hours

Last 28 days - 20 hours

**Information Source:**

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

On take off, just after rotation, the right nose locker door opened. The pilot retarded both throttles and commenced braking; during the subsequent retardation, the left tyre burst and the left wheel contacted the ground. The pilot acknowledged that he had failed to ensure the door was properly closed during his pre-flight checks.