

# Grumman AA-5B, G-ERRY, 9 May 1998 at 1615 hrs

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## INCIDENT

**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Grumman AA-5B, G-ERRY  
**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-360-A4K piston engine  
**Year of Manufacture:** 1978  
**Date & Time (UTC):** 9 May 1998 at 1615 hrs  
**Location:** Shobdon Airfield, Herefordshire  
**Type of Flight:** Private  
**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 - Passengers - None  
**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - N/A  
**Nature of Damage:** Bent propeller  
**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Rating  
**Commander's Age:** 39 years  
**Commander's Flying Experience:** 295 hours (of which 8 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 5 hours  
Last 28 days - 2 hours  
**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was landing on Runway 27 in good weather conditions with a surface wind of 225° to 270° at 15 to 20 kt. Two stages of flap had been selected. The pilot reported that although the final 200 feet of the approach was slightly turbulent the touchdown was normal. Instead of settling onto the runway the aircraft bounced several times with increasing severity. At the time of landing the pilot noticed a slight noise during one of the bounces and it was not until he had shut down that he realised that the propeller tips had been bent.

The pilot assessed the cause of the accident as being due to an unexpected sink rate on touchdown, exacerbated by the characteristics of the landing gear. He thought that an early decision to go-around may have prevented the occurrence.