ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Grob G115E Tutor, G-BYUW	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming AEIO-360-B1F piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1999	
Date & Time (UTC):	8 December 2009 at 0924 hrs	
Location:	Peterborough (Conington) Airfield, Cambridgeshire	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Both wingtips and the left main landing gear leg	
Commander's Licence:	Royal Air Force	
Commander's Age:	42 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	2,671 hours (of which 359 were on type) Last 90 days - 45 hours Last 28 days - 25 hours	

Information Source:

Following an uneventful flight, the student pilot began a glide approach toward Runway 28 at Conington Airfield. The approach was normal, however when the aircraft touched down there was a noticeable airframe vibration. The instructor took control of the aircraft and applied full engine power in an attempt to go-around. As the aircraft pitched up it rolled to the right, the instructor applied left aileron to compensate; he later described the aircraft's response as 'sluggish'. The aircraft then rolled and yawed slowly to the left.

It appeared to the instructor that the aircraft was not responding to control inputs, so he aborted the takeoff.

The aircraft's left wing then contacted the runway, followed by the left mainwheel and then the right mainwheel, before the aircraft departed the runway surface to the right and came to rest. There was no fire. The student pilot and instructor were uninjured and they were able to exit the aircraft normally.

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

A subsequent examination of the aircraft did not reveal any pre-existing defects with the flying controls and the airframe vibration was determined to be due to nosewheel shimmy.

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