

**No: 10/87**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Campbell Super Cricket G-AXVK Gyrocopter

**No & Type of engines:** 1 Volkswagen 1600-2074 piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1970

**Date and time (UTC):** 16 July 1987 at 1425 hrs

**Location:** St Merryn Airfield, Cornwall

**Type of flight:** Private (pleasure)

**Persons on board:** Crew — 1                      Passengers — None

**Injuries:** Crew — None                      Passengers — N/A

**Nature of damage:** Substantial damage to the rotor, mast and propeller. The engine and its attachments were also damaged

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 57 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 151 hours (of which 9 were on gyrocopters)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

Whilst making an approach to land, the pilot allowed the speed to fall off to a point where control was lost. At 3—4 feet above the ground, the aircraft drifted and rolled to the left and the rotor made contact with the runway as the aircraft fell onto its left side.

The pilot managed to climb out but there was a small fire caused by fuel spilling onto the hot exhaust manifold. This was quickly extinguished by an instructor using a portable extinguisher.