

Aircraft type and registration:	Hughes 500D-369D G-HEWS	
No & Type of engines:	1 Allison 250-C20B turboshaft engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1981	
Date and time (UTC):	5 December 1987 at 1500 hrs	
Location:	Ben Aquhallie near Lumphanan, Aberdeenshire	
Type of flight:	Private (business)	
Persons on board:	Crew — 1	Passengers — None
Injuries:	Crew — None	Passengers — N/A
Nature of damage:	Substantial — beyond economic repair	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	35 years	
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	220 hours rotary wing (of which approx 100 were on type) + 250 hours fixed wing	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and AAIB telephone enquiry	

The pilot was practising autorotative landings and misjudged the flare. The tail rotor struck the ground and the pilot landed immediately, but the aircraft rolled onto its side and was substantially damaged.

The pilot was wearing a full harness, which held on impact and he was uninjured. There was no fire.