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Aircraft Type and Registration: Robin DR220, G-BFHR

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental Motors Corp O-200-A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1966

Date and Time (UTC): 6 August 1988 at 1530 hrs

Location: Fenland Airfield, Spalding, Lincs

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 2

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Severe damage to fuselage, wings and engine

Commander's Licence Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 30 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 151 hours (of which 74 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the Pilot

The runway in use was 36 and the wind 300°/5 kt.

During an attempted take-off, as the pilot raised the tail wheel off the ground, the aircraft swung 90° to the left and, still with full power applied, buried its nose in a deep drainage dyke parallel to the runway.

The pilot and front seat passenger were wearing full harness and the rear seated passenger was wearing a lap strap. All the harnesses withstood the impact forces. There was no fire and all the occupants evacuated the aircraft without difficulty.