

**No: 5/87**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Cessna 404 G-BLTH

**No & Type of engines:** 2 Continental Motors Corp GTS10-520-M piston engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 1977

**Date and time (UTC):** 28 March 1987 at 1135 hrs

**Location:** Humberside Airport

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

**Persons on board:** Crew — 2                      Passengers — 3

**Injuries:** Crew — None                      Passengers — None

**Nature of damage:** Nose landing gear collapsed — resultant damage to both propellers and nose landing gear doors

**Commander's Licence:** Commercial Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 64 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 7060 hours (of which 224 were on type)

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

The aircraft was making an approach for landing on runway 27 at Humberside Airport with a surface wind of 310°/25 knots gusting to 35 knots. The pilot reports that after a normal approach using the wing down technique the aircraft was landed right wheel first followed by the left main wheel. However, on lowering the nose, the nose landing gear collapsed allowing the propellers to contact the runway. The aircraft was turned off the runway and slid to a halt on the grass. All occupants vacated the aircraft without injury.