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Aircraft Type and Registration: Robinson R22HP, G-BISC

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-B2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date and Time (UTC): 9 October 1989 at 1520 hrs

Location: Oxford (Kidlington) Airport

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew -1 Passengers -None

Injuries: Crew -None Passengers -N/A

Nature of Damage:

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters)

Commander's Age: 36 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 52 hours (of which all were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The helicopter made a slightly crosswind approach down the helicopter lane and was turning right, into wind, at about 10 feet agl whilst coming to the hover. The pilot states that he felt some resistance to collective lever movement, which he believes might have been the lever snagging on the contents of his pocket. Whilst checking the instruments to see what power he had achieved, the rear of the right skid touched the ground and the helicopter rolled over.

The pilot carried out the emergency drills and left the helicopter through the left side cockpit window. His diagonal and lap strap safety harness withstood the impact and there was no fire.