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<b>Aircraft type and registration:</b>	Gulfstream American AA5A G-BIFF (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)	
<b>Year of manufacture:</b>	1978	
<b>Date and time (GMT):</b>	1 December 1983 at 1945 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Elstree Aerodrome, Herts.	
<b>Type of flight:</b>	Private (training)	
<b>Persons on board:</b>	Crew – 1	Passengers – Nil
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew – Nil	Passengers – N/A
<b>Nature of damage:</b>	Damage to nose undercarriage, propeller and engine	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	45 years	
<b>Commander's total flying experience:</b>	151 hours (of which 142 hours were on type)	

After bouncing on the initial landing the pilot reports that he was unable to prevent a heavy landing on the next touchdown. As a result the nosewheel collapsed and the propeller struck the ground.

In the pilot's opinion the accident was caused by an initial misjudgement of height resulting in holding off too high and a consequent severe bounce.