

**No: 2/86**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Cessna 172 G-BAEX (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

**Year of Manufacture:** 1972

**Date and time (GMT):** 1 January 1986 at 1430 hrs

**Location:** Compton Abbas Airfield, Dorset

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

**Persons on board:** Crew — 1                      Passengers — 2

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

**Nature of damage:** Damage to right wheel spat and tailplane

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 23 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 84 hours (of which 8¼ were on type)

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

The pilot had arrived at Compton Abbas during the morning and subsequently carried out a few circuits. On his departure, from grass runway 26, for Yeovilton the pilot reported that the aircraft started to veer to the right at about 40 mph and that he was unable to maintain directional control using full rudder and aileron. The aircraft veered off the strip and the right wheel collided with a substantial "bad-ground" marker and the take-off was abandoned.

The grass was wet with underlying patches of ice and the wind was 180°, 15—20 kt.