

INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	CAP 10B, G-CPXC	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming AEIO-360-B2F piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2002	
Date & Time (UTC):	28 August 2009 at 0930 hrs	
Location:	Old Sarum Airfield, Wiltshire	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Tailwheel mounting broken and bottom of rudder damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	53 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	11,500 hours (of which 2 were on type) Last 90 days - 90 hours Last 28 days - 40 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was on a dual instructional sortie and had been landed by the student on Runway 24. The instructor stated that the student was having difficulty in the gusty conditions (reported surface wind 260° at 15 kt, gusting to 25 kt) so he took control to stabilise the aircraft during the landing roll. Retaining control, he slowed the aircraft to taxi speed and turned about 45° to the right but, with taxi power applied, the tail suddenly lifted. Fearing that the propeller was about to strike the

ground, he reduced power and the tail dropped heavily, breaking the tailwheel mounting and causing damage to the bottom of the rudder.

The instructor could only surmise that the aircraft had caught a “freak” gust. Although he believed he had been holding the control column aft at the time, he concedes that it may not have been fully back.