

No: 8/84

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Aircraft type and registration: Cessna A188B G-BFFF (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1976

Date and time (GMT): 9 June 1984 at 1755 hrs

Location: Coldcot Farm, Kilmington, Wiltshire

Type of flight: Aerial application

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — Nil

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Substantial and beyond economic repair

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 40 years

Commander's total flying experience: 9000 hours (of which 700 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was engaged in crop spraying. The area being sprayed was obstructed at each end by power cables positioned at right angles to the flight path, and parallel to each other.

At the end of a run, the aircraft was pulled up into a left climbing turn but struck the power cables at the far end of the field. It travelled a further 200 yards, and came to rest in an adjacent field, having swung through 180°, facing the direction from which it had come.

The pilot was uninjured, and there was no fire. The aircraft was seriously damaged and was considered to be beyond economic repair.