

No: 10/89

Ref: EW/G89/05/18

Category: 1c

Aircraft Type and Registration: Grob G115, G-BOCD

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-H2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1988

Date and Time (UTC): 11 May 1989 at 0725 hrs

Location: White Waltham airfield, Berkshire

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Punctured right wingtip and lower wing surface

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 32 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 2,150 hours (of which 24 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The wind at White Waltham was 100°-120° at 5-8 kt and runway 29 was in use. During a period of instruction, on the third touch and go landing, it was the instructor's intention to illustrate how even a light tailwind component could seriously affect the approach and landing. On the final approach, the aircraft was rather high, but the instructor allowed this situation to continue in order to assess the student's decision making capabilities.

The aircraft touched down about two thirds of the way up the runway and the student applied go-around power. The instructor, seeing that the aircraft was not climbing as it should, took control but, following a possible strike of the right wheel on a 2 feet high pile of rubble at the end of the runway, the right wing dropped and struck the same rubble. The aircraft bounced into the air and so the instructor, being unaware of the amount of damage sustained, closed the throttle and made an uneventful emergency landing straight ahead into a corn field.

There was no fire and the occupants vacated the aircraft in the normal manner.