

**No:** 8/90 **Ref:** EW/G90/05/01 **Category:** 2c

**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Robinson R22, G-BLME

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-320-A2B piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1980

**Date and Time (UTC):** 6 May 1990 at 1549 hrs

**Location:** Wycombe Air Park, Buckinghamshire

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

**Injuries:** Crew - None Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Damage to skids

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

**Commander's Age:** 42 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 75 hours rotary wing (all on type)

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

The helicopter was turned into wind for take-off, collective pitch was applied and the cyclic moved forward. After a short time the low rpm horn sounded. The lever was lowered and the throttle opened but rotor rpm were not recovered and the helicopter sank towards the ground. Sufficient forward speed remained to effect a run-on landing.

The pilot, who was uninjured, attributed the accident to over-pitching on take-off.