

No: 14/83

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Aircraft type and registration: Rollason Beta G-AWHX (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1972

Date and time (GMT): 25 September 1982 at 1030 hrs

Location: Stoke Bardolph, Nottinghamshire

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — Nil

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — Nil

Nature of damage: Cockpit screen and canopy shattered, starboard tailplane leading edge substantially damaged

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 56 years

Commander's total flying experience: 3970 hours (of which 20 were on type)

After about 20 minutes of flight and whilst in a shallow dive and medium banked turn to port, the combined windscreen and canopy split open, initially from the centre front, and disintegrated in the airstream. One part of the canopy struck the leading edge of the starboard tailplane at about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the semi-span outboard cutting through the leading edge and skins back to the spar.

After a momentary loss of control the aircraft was successfully forced landed sustaining no further damage.

The pilot was not injured.

An occurrence report has been sent to the Civil Aviation Authority Safety Data and Analysis Unit.