

Robinson R22 BETA, G-OSIP

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Robinson R22 BETA, G-OSIP

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-360-J2A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1999

Date & Time (UTC): 15 October 2000 at 1545 hrs

Location: Swansea Airport

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Note: The Instructor, who had just disembarked, sustained serious injuries

Nature of Damage: Damaged beyond economic repair

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 40 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 46 hours (all on type)

Last 90 days - 26 hours

Last 28 days - 10 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After 15 minutes dual flying, the instructor left the aircraft to let the student carry out some solo circuits. The weather was good with a light and variable surface wind.

As the helicopter lifted, it began to yaw to the left. With the skids still in contact with the ground, this turn continued for approximately 360°. The helicopter then lifted about two feet into the air and rolled onto its right side. Debris from the helicopter hit the instructor, who was standing some distance away.