

No: 6/85

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Aircraft type and registration: Enstrom F28A G-BAHU (light single engined helicopter)

Year of Manufacture: 1972

Date and time (GMT): 3 May 1985 at 1300 hrs

Location: Wycombe Air Park

Type of flight: Training

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Damage to right skid assembly

Commander's Licence: Student

Commander's Age: 41 years

Commander's total flying experience: 18 hours (of which all were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by CFI of operating company.

The student pilot had successfully completed a dual flight before being sent solo. As instructed, he lifted off into the hover and, after hovering successfully for a short time, proceeded to land the helicopter. He had almost touched the skids on the ground when he snatched the collective up. The aircraft reached a height of between 10 and 15 feet and yawed through 90° to the right. A rapid series of gyrations to the right followed and the helicopter struck the ground heavily on the right skid.

The Chief Flying Instructor considered that the student pilot overpitched and lost rotor rpm.