

No: 11/85

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Aircraft type and registration: Slingsby T67A G-BJGH (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1982

Date and time (GMT): 8 August 1985 at 1220 hrs

Location: Tees-side Airport

Type of flight: Training

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Nosewheel yoke and leg failure, firewall bulkhead, propeller and spinner damaged

Commander's Licence: Student

Commander's Age: 40 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 32 hours (of which 30 were on type)

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

The student pilot was carrying out his second 'touch and go' landing on Runway 23 when, after making contact with the runway momentarily on both main wheels, the aircraft became airborne again and floated for some 20 metres. The second touchdown was followed by detachment of the nosewheel and collapse of the nose undercarriage. The nose of the aircraft struck the runway and proceeded to bounce until the aircraft came to rest. The pilot was uninjured.

Inspection and metallurgical examination of the nose leg and associated firewall mounting bracket showed no evidence of pre-existing failure. The wind at the time of the occurrence was given as 210°/12 to 18 kt.