

**No:** 1/90

**Ref:** EW/G89/11/07

**Category:** 1c

**Aircraft Type  
and Registration:**

DHC-1 Chipmunk 22A, G-ARMC

**No & Type of Engines:**

1 De Havilland Gipsy Major 10 Mk 2 piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:**

1950

**Date and Time (UTC):**

11 November 1989 at 1010 hrs

**Location:**

Blackbushe Airport, Surrey

**Type of Flight:**

Private

**Persons on Board:**

Crew - 1

Passengers - 1

**Injuries:**

Crew - None

Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:**

Minor damage to tail cone and tail wheel assembly

**Commander's Licence:**

Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:**

34 years

**Commander's Total  
Flying Experience:**

62 hours (of which 7 were on type)

**Information Source:**

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After a flight from White Waltham the pilot reports that he made a normal approach to runway 26 at Blackbushe Airport, with a surface wind of 180/07 knots. Touch down was normal, and the aircraft decelerated with little rudder application required to keep it tracking straight down the runway. However as the aircraft decelerated to well below flying speed it veered to the left and despite the application of full opposite rudder the pilot was unable to prevent the aircraft leaving the paved surface and ground looping. As it came to a stop the tail section struck the VASI installation.

The pilot considers that the reason for his being unable to keep the aircraft straight was that he omitted to select partial brake on the brake lever prior to landing, and was therefore unable to use differential braking.