

**AAIB Bulletin No: 5/93**

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Cessna F172M Skyhawk, G-BBJY  
**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-320-E2D piston engine  
**Year of Manufacture:** 1974  
**Date & Time (UTC):** 31 January 1993 at 1630 hrs  
**Location:** Barton Airfield, Greater Manchester  
**Type of Flight:** Private  
**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - None  
**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - N/A  
**Nature of Damage:** Aircraft destroyed  
**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence  
**Commander's Age:** 54 years  
**Commander's Flying Experience:** 352 hours (of which 300 were on type)  
  
**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and telephone enquiries by the AAIB

The pilot was completing a circuit and planning to carry out an overshoot. On finals, as he manoeuvred to the dead side of the northerly grass Runway 09, he became aware of a helicopter hovering nearby. He decided to land and considered that he made a normal landing, although off the runway to the left side. He stated that the nose wheel dug into the soft wet ground and the aircraft overturned.

Observers in ATC commented that the aircraft appeared to flare high and stalled from approximately 20 feet; G-BBJY then overturned immediately after contacting the ground. Weather was good with a wind of 090°/08 kt.