

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Robinson R22 Beta, G-CDMG
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-B2C piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1991 (Serial no: 1874)
Date & Time (UTC):	25 July 2016 at 1020 hrs
Location:	Manston Airport, Kent
Type of Flight:	Training
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2 Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 2 (Minor) Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Total hull loss
Commander's Licence:	Commercial Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	47 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	8,513 hours (of which 4,305 were on type) Last 90 days - 94 hours Last 28 days - 44 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

During a proficiency check of a qualified pilot, the instructor closed the throttle at the start of an autorotation and opened it at about 50 ft to prepare the aircraft for the power recovery. However, the qualified pilot did not attempt to flare the helicopter, even when verbally prompted by the instructor. To assist the pilot, the instructor attempted to flare but found that the pilot had "frozen" on the controls to the extent that the instructor was unable to override the pilot. Consequently, the helicopter hit the ground with a nose-down attitude before coming to a rest on its left side. Both pilots, who were wearing lap and diagonal harnesses, suffered minor injuries but were able to exit the helicopter via the right-hand door.