

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 404, N97AQ
No & Type of Engines:	2 Continental Motors Corp GTSIO-520M piston engines
Year of Manufacture:	1977
Date & Time (UTC):	28 December 2018 at 2347 hrs
Location:	Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport, British Virgin Islands
Type of Flight:	Commercial Air Transport (Non-Revenue)
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to propellers, wings and fuselage
Commander's Licence:	Commercial Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	58 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	21,318 hours (of which 5,095 were on type) Last 90 days - 120 hours Last 28 days - 50 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was the only person on board for the repositioning flight which was in night VMC. He received landing clearance and the winds were reported to be gusty. He configured the aircraft for landing and enquired twice about the wind conditions before deciding to leave the flaps at their current setting of 10°.

As the aircraft flared and contacted the runway, the pilot realised that he had not lowered the landing gear. The aircraft came to rest on the runway and he was uninjured.

The pilot attributed the accident to failing to complete his checklist and confirm that the landing gear was down and locked. He considered that a contributory factor was allowing himself to become distracted when flying at night in turbulent and gusty wind conditions.