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Aircraft Type

and Registration: Cessna 152, G-BRBP

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date and Time (UTC): 29 June 1989 at 1730 hrs

Location: Tatenhill Aerodrome, 5nm west of Burton-upon-Trent, Staffordshire

Type of Flight: C of A Test Flight

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Slight damage to right plastic wing tip

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 29 years

Commander's Total

Flying Experience: 510 hours (of which 100 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Whilst climbing out after take-off a slight vibration was felt through the fuselage at approximately 500 ft. This quickly developed into a severe vibration and it was decided to turn back towards the airfield as the engine was still giving some power. A downwind landing was made, touching down at about two-thirds down the runway. The pilot was unable to stop the aircraft before the right wing was damaged by contact with a bush at the end of the runway.

The rough running was caused by one cylinder becoming inoperative due to a loose valve adjuster.