

Aircraft type and registration: Gulfstream AA-5B G-BGPG

No & Type of engines: 1 Lycoming 0-360-A4K piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date and time (UTC): 2 July 1986 at 1250 hrs

Location: Elstree Aerodrome, Hertfordshire

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Propeller, nose landing gear, strut, torque tube and nose fork

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 54 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 374 hours (all of which were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

After a normal flight from Birmingham the pilot misjudged the landing, touching down nosewheel first slightly to the right of the centre-line, just short of the threshold. The nose gear collapsed and the aircraft came to rest approximately one quarter of the way along the runway.

During this flight the pilot had occupied the right-hand seat, whilst a passenger, who was not a pilot, occupied the left-hand front seat. Although he had some previous experience of operating the aircraft from the right-hand seat, the pilot believes that the accident would not have occurred had he been seated in the usual left-hand seat.