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Aircraft type and registration: Beech B90 G-BLNA

No & Type of engines: 2 Pratt & Whitney PT6A-20 turboprop engines

Year of Manufacture: 1969

Date and time (UTC): 20 November 1987 at 0435 hrs

Location: In flight, over Rayleigh, Essex

Type of flight: Airline scheduled cargo

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: The cabin door missing. There was no damage to other property

Commander's Licence: Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence with Instrument and Full Instructor's ratings

Commander's Age: 30 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: Approximately 1300 hours (of which 150 were on type)

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

During a flight from Southend to Dublin, as the aircraft was climbing through Flight Level 90, there was a loud bang and the cabin door opened. The commander stopped the climb, called London Air Traffic Control and returned to Southend.

Subsequent inspection of the damage revealed that the door was missing but that its departure had caused no damage to the fuselage or tail empennage. The commander states that all Checks carried out prior to departure had been completed and were satisfactory.