

Aircraft Type and Registration: Yak-52, LY-ALY

No & Type of Engines: 1 Vedeneyev (Ivchenko) M-14P radial piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1983

Date & Time (UTC): 26 June 1995 at 1530 hrs

Location: Little Gransden Airfield, Cambridgeshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Propeller, engine, cowling and lower fuselage skin

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence with Instrument and Instructor Ratings

Commander's Age: 34 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 3,828 hours (of which 50 were on type)
Last 90 days - 192 hours
Last 28 days - 82 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

At the conclusion of a VFR flight from Bourn to Little Gransden, the pilot joined the visual circuit right-hand downwind for Runway 10 and selected the landing gear down as part of the downwind checks. Whilst on the base leg turn he intended to select landing flap but inadvertently selected the landing gear up instead and failed to notice this prior to landing with the wheels up. Because the landing gear on this type of aircraft is semi-retractable the damage done to the aircraft was minimised.