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Aircraft Type and Registration: Robinson R22 Alpha, G-JASM

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-B2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1984

Date & Time (UTC): 23 February 1992 at 1335 hrs

Location: Thruxton Airfield, Hampshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Main rotors destroyed, major distortion of left side cabin roof, and tail boom buckled at attachment point.

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) with Night and Instructor ratings

Commander's Age: 33 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 4,000 hours (of which 310 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The flying instructor reports that, during the conduct of a hover engine off landing by a student pilot, the student allowed the aircraft to land with the right skid slightly down. As the aircraft was about to settle the student initiated a sudden left cyclic movement which the instructor did not have time to correct and this resulted in the aircraft rolling about its left skid before toppling onto its left side. Both occupants, who had been restrained by lap and diagonal harnesses, exited without injury via the right side door.