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Aircraft Type and Registration: Gulfstream AA-5A, G-OCWC

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-E2G piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date and Time (UTC): 25 August 1989 at 1315 hrs

Location: Elstree Aerodrome, Herts

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to nose landing gear, propeller and engine cowling

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 26 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 74 hours (of which all were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The surface wind was 260°/15 kt and the pilot was practising flapless approaches and landings on runway 26. On the fourth approach the aircraft was fast over the threshold and touched down late. The pilot applied and sustained firm forward pressure on the control column and the aircraft began to porpoise. After a very short time the nose landing gear collapsed, the propeller struck the ground and the aircraft left the runway to the right before coming to rest on its main wheels and nose.