

No: 1/83

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Aircraft: Enstrom F2&A G-BHVS

Year of Manufacture: 1972

Date and time (GMT): 15 October 1982 at 1210 hrs

Location: Shoreham Airfield

Type of flight: Training

Persons on board: Crew - 1                      Passengers - Nil

Injuries: Crew - Nil                      Passengers - Nil

Nature of damage: Aircraft damaged beyond economical repair

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot (Private Pilot's Licence - Fixed Wing)

Commander's Age: 38 years

Commander's total flying experience: 17 hours all on type (1090 hours on fixed wing)

The student pilot was making a cross-wind approach at a slightly faster speed than usual. On approaching the landing spot an unexpected gust of wind took him by surprise causing him to lose control of the aircraft and make a very heavy landing. The tail skid and tail rotor hit the soft ground and the main rotor struck the tail rotor drive shaft and severed it. The pilot was uninjured.