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Aircraft Type and Registration: Beech 95-B55, G-BFFG

No & Type of Engines: 2 Continental IO-470-L piston engines

Year of Manufacture: 1976

Date and Time (UTC): 10 March 1990 at 1545 hrs

Location: Staverton, Gloucestershire

Type of Flight: Private (training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial to underside of the aircraft and propellers

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night ratings

Commander's Age: 56 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 2,087 hours (of which 8 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Towards the end of a normal landing roll at a speed of about 25 kt, the pilot intended to retract the flaps but inadvertently selected the landing gear "UP". Despite immediately reselecting the landing gear to "DOWN", the right and nose landing gears retracted. The aircraft came to rest on the runway and the uninjured occupants evacuated without difficulty. The pilot, who was relatively inexperienced on type, states that the landing gear control on the Beech 95 is in the same position as the flap control on the PA34 which he usually flies. Subsequent engineering examination of the squat switch on the right landing gear indicated that it was serviceable and prevented retraction of the landing gear when the aircraft was stationary.