No: 6/89

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Category: 1b

Aircraft Type

and Registration:

Cessna 404 Titan, D-ICCF

No & Type of Engines:

2 Teledyne Continental GTSIO-520-M piston engines

Year of Manufacture:

1977

Date and Time (UTC):

11 April 1989 at 1735 hrs

Location:

Leeds/Bradford Airport

Type of Flight:

Transport, Air Taxi cargo

Persons on Board:

Crew - 1

Passengers - None

Injuries:

Crew - None

Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage:

Substantial damage to wings, fuselage, engines and propellers

Commander's Licence:

Commercial Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:

38 years

Commander's Total

Flying Experience:

1,787 hours (of which 200 were on type)

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Whilst making an ILS approach to runway 14 the wind was given as 190°/25 kt, which the pilot considered as acceptable crosswind conditions. Following a normal landing, the roll-on continued for a short distance up the centreline before a sudden gust, later estimated by the pilot to have been at least 40 kt, lifted the right wing of the aircraft. The left wing struck the ground and the aircraft swung to the left. Despite the application of full power on both engines and corrective aileron, the aircraft travelled across the runway and onto the soft grass, breaking the nose landing gear and causing the propellers to strike the ground.

There was no fire and the pilot's diagonal restraint harness withstood the forces of the impact.