

No: 10/89

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Aircraft Type and Registration: American AA-5, G-BCCK

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

Year of Manufacture: 1974

Date and Time (UTC): 13 August 1989 at 1125 hrs

Location: Sleaf Airfield, Shropshire

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial - to nose gear and propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC Rating

Commander's Age: 62 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 256 hours (of which 185 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was landing on runway 19, with the wind from 200°/20 to 25 kt. After a normal touchdown a gust lifted the aircraft during the landing roll and then pitched it nose down. The pilot reports that, despite the use of full up elevator, the aircraft re-landed heavily bending the nose gear leg and propeller. The 2 occupants who were wearing lap and diagonal upper torso restraints were uninjured.