

Grob G-109, G-LULU, 1 August 1996

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Grob G-109, G-LULU
No & Type of Engines:	1 Limbach L 2000-EBIA piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1982
Date & Time (UTC):	1 August 1996 at 1340 hrs
Location:	Field adjacent to Enstone Airfield
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - Nil
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to propeller, left wing tip and left landing gear
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	63 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	140 hours (all on type) Last 90 days - 30 hours Last 28 days - 22 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot reported that he took off from Runway 26 at Enstone for a flight to Silverstone. At about 250 feet in the initial climb the canopy became unlatched, lifted and began to vibrate quite violently. The pilot elected to land as soon as possible and chose a field on the opposite side of the road which is situated at the western boundary of the airfield. The final descent was quite steep and a heavy landing ensued, during which the left landing gear leg was bent. This allowed the left wing tip to contact the ground, damaging the wing tip and navigation light. The aircraft then pitched onto its nose, sustaining damage to the propeller and spinner.

The pilot considered that the canopy became unlatched because he had not fully latched it before take off.