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Aircraft type and registration: Jodel DR 1050 G-AVGZ (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1962

Date and time (GMT): 26 February 1985 at 1700 hrs

Location: Rufforth Airfield, North Yorks

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — One Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Damage to main undercarriage and starboard wing

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 58 years

Commander's total flying experience: 114 hours (of which 86 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot, accustomed to operating from grass, commenced a take-off run on a tarmac runway. The aircraft swung left, right, and left again, before it crossed the left edge of the runway on to soft ground where the undercarriage collapsed under side-load.