

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Vans RV-9A, G-HUMH	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2006	
Date & Time (UTC):	22 May 2009 at 0814 hrs	
Location:	Runway 25, Shoreham Airport, Sussex	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Nose landing gear collapsed, propeller strike, engine shock-loaded	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	68 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	239 hours (of which 73 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

During the flare, following a normal approach to Runway 25 at Shoreham, the aircraft contacted the ground before the pilot had anticipated that it would. It bounced several times before tipping onto its nose, damaging the nose landing gear and propeller, before

righting itself. Both occupants were uninjured. The pilot commented that the inadvertent ground contact was due to an unseen undulation in the grass runway surface.