

Jodel DR250/160, G-BUVM

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Jodel DR250/160, G-BUVM	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-D2A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1966	
Date & Time (UTC):	23 April 2004 at 1150 hrs	
Location:	Walton Wood Airfield, West Yorkshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Port undercarriage, propeller and engine cowlings damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	37 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	100 hours (of which 19 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 11 hours	
	Last 28 days - 5 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was undergoing type conversion and continuation training with a Popular Flying Association coach. The aircraft was usually flown from Huddersfield (Crossland Moor) Airfield which has an asphalt runway. The purpose of this particular flight was to practice grass strip landings and Walton Wood Airfield was chosen. This airfield has an 800 metre by 16 metre grass strip, orientated 24/06. The weather conditions were good with a light and variable surface wind and Runway 24 was in use: there is a line of power cables across the approach to this runway.

The pilot carried out four successful circuits and landings. On the fifth approach, with the aircraft on short final, the pilot reduced the power in response to guidance from the coach. The aircraft sank rapidly towards the ground from height of around ten feet and landed heavily on the runway, causing the port undercarriage to collapse and the aircraft to pitch forward onto its nose.