

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

Year of Manufacture: 1960

Date and time (GMT): 15 June 1984 at 0700 hrs.

Location: Prestwick Airport, Scotland

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew — Nil Passengers — Nil

Injuries: Crew — — Passengers — —

Nature of damage: Damage to propeller, leading edge of wing, and one spat

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 43 years

Commander's total flying experience: 3700 hours (of which 87 hours were on type)

Information Source: Accident Report Pro-forma completed by the pilot

The engine would not start using the electric starter so the pilot decided to hand swing the propeller. The engine started successfully but with more RPM than the pilot anticipated. The aircraft jumped the chocks and moved forward, gathering speed and the pilot was unable to get to the cockpit. He managed to grab the port wing tip and deflect G-ARFT (FT) away from other parked aircraft.

As no one seemed to have seen his plight, and having already been knocked to the ground once, he decided to guide the aircraft towards an old wooden fence in a deserted area of the airport. FT came to rest with the propeller broken and the wings embedded in the fence posts. The pilot considered that the throttle had been set too wide and that the chocks were in a poor condition.