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Aircraft type and registration:	Evabs VP 2 (homebuilt) G-BMSC (Light single engine, fixed wing aircraft)
Year of manufacture:	1983
Date and time(GMT):	21 July 1983 1313 hrs
Location:	Sunderland Airport
Type of flight:	Private
Persons on board:	Crew — 1 Passengers — 1
Injuries:	Crew — nil Passengers — nil
Nature of damage:	Right hand landing gear distorted
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	63 years
Commander's total flying experience:	4600 hours (of which 14 hours were on type)

The aircraft had taken off at 1302 hrs using runway 23. The wind at that time was variable in direction at 3 knots. The wind then stabilised at 120°/7–10 knots as the sea breeze developed and the landing direction indicator at the Control Tower was changed to show that the grass runway 12 was in use. At 1313 hrs, the aircraft, which was not equipped with radio, rejoined on a left hand base for runway 23. There was no conflicting traffic so it was given a 'green light' to land. Almost at the end of the landing run, the aircraft ground looped to the left resulting in damage to the right hand landing gear. The wind at the time was recorded as 120°/7 knots.