

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Jabiru UL-D, G-JAAB	
<b>No &amp; type of Engines:</b>	1 Jabiru 2200B piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2006	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	15 August 2006 at 1805 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Rochester Airport, Kent	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Nose leg suspension arm, front wheel spat and propeller	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	National Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	38 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	88 hours (of which 36 were on type) Last 90 days - 27 hours Last 28 days - 6 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

**History of the flight**

The pilot reported that after start he taxied slowly from the main apron along a grass taxiway towards the threshold of Runway 20. The aircraft went over a small bump in the taxiway at which point the nose gear failed and the propeller struck the ground. The pilot carried out an emergency shutdown and both he and his passenger vacated the aircraft.

**Aircraft inspection**

Subsequent inspection of the aircraft revealed that a nose leg suspension bracket had failed. The pilot stated that only part of the suspension is visible during the walk round and that it is possible that the bracket had been damaged during an earlier flight.