

ACCIDENT

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