

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Societe Aeronautique Normande Jodel DR1050, G-ARXT	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp O-200-A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1962 (Serial no: 355)	
Date & Time (UTC):	7 March 2014 at 1428 hrs	
Location:	Cranfield Airfield, Bedfordshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Distortion to left main landing gear leg	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	52 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	235 hours (of which 97 were on type) Last 90 days - 45 minutes Last 28 days - Nil	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and ATS occurrence report submitted by Cranfield ATC	

The aircraft was landing on Runway 21 at Cranfield when the accident occurred. The pilot described fine weather conditions and a wind from 260° at 11 kt, although he reported that the wind was gusty. During the landing roll, the pilot lost directional control and the aircraft performed a ground loop, sustaining slight damage to the left main landing gear leg. The pilot considered that his rudder inputs during the landing roll had been late and insufficient, considering the wind conditions he encountered.

The Tower controller initiated the crash procedure and the Aerodrome Fire Service attended the scene. However, neither the pilot nor his passenger was injured and the pilot was able to taxi the aircraft to the parking area.