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Aircraft Type and Registration: Jodel DR 1051 G-AYGD

No & Type of Engines: 1 Potez 4E20A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1963

Date and Time (UTC): 31 December 1988 at 1334 hrs

Location: Elstree Aerodrome, Hertfordshire

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to propeller, spinner and adjacent cowling

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 41 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 171 hours (of which 13 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Following a landing on runway 26, with a surface wind estimated to be 270°/8 kt, the pilot was advised to clear the runway to the left. The aircraft was moving quite slowly when he transferred his right hand from the throttle to the control column and his left hand from the control column to the brake lever. The aircraft slewed through 90° to the right, pitched forward and came to rest on its nose, on the righthand edge of the runway. The emergency vehicle was promptly on the scene and both occupants, who were wearing diagonal upper torso restraint, escaped without injury.

The pilot could not recall whether he had applied the brake, but considered that the situation may have been precipitated by the propeller wash from an aircraft which had, just previously, cleared to the left. He considered that higher than normal power would have been applied in order to taxi over the wet grass.