

No. 9/83

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Aircraft type and registration:	Jodel D 117 G-AWVB (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)	
Year of Manufacture:	1957	
Date and time (GMT):	19 June 1983 at 1200 hrs	
Location:	Leckwith near Cardiff	
Type of flight:	Private – pleasure	
Persons on board:	Crew – 1	Passengers – Nil
Injuries:	Crew – Nil	Passengers – N/A
Nature of damage:	Moderate damage to the propeller, engine cowling, and right wheel and undercarriage leg	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	43 years	
Commander's total flying experience:	405 hours (of which 180 hours were on type)	

The aircraft was making an approach to a private field in weather conditions of good visibility, with light and variable winds. The temperature was reported as +25°C. Just prior to the flare, the aircraft was seen to descend rapidly and strike the ground. It then nosed over sufficiently for the propeller and engine cowling to be damaged by a ground strike before the aircraft resumed a normal upright attitude. The pilot attributes the abnormal rate of descent to windshear.