

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Jodel D120A Paris-Nice, G-BMLB	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors C90-14F piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1965	
Date & Time (UTC):	9 April 2006 at 1025 hrs	
Location:	Lydd Airport, Kent	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Left landing gear collapsed and left wing damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	58 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	158 hours (of which 27 were on type) Last 90 days - 1 hour Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

During a takeoff with a crosswind from the left the aircraft went off the right side of the runway.

History of the flight

The pilot was using Runway 03 for takeoff on a local flight, which would have been his second flight of the year; his first flight had been on 6 April. The weather was good with a reportedly steady surface wind of 320°/12 kt which, on Runway 03, created an 11 kt

crosswind component. The initial take-off run was normal until the pilot applied elevator control to raise the tailwheel from the ground. As the tailwheel came off the ground, the aircraft started to swing to the left. The pilot corrected for this swing with rudder but in so doing, he inadvertently started a yaw oscillation that he was unable to control. He closed the throttle as the aircraft went off the right side of the runway onto the grass. The left gear leg collapsed and the aircraft came to rest.