

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 172P Skyhawk, G-CDMM	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-D2J piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1982 (Serial no: 172-75124)	
Date & Time (UTC):	23 September 2012 at 1030 hrs	
Location:	Glenforsa Airfield, Isle of Mull	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Substantial damage	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	49 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	274 hours (of which 74 were on type) Last 90 days - 12 hours Last 28 days - 11 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft had flown from Oban Airport to Glenforsa Airfield on the Isle of Mull. Having obtained the wind at Glenforsa, which was reported as 120° at 12 kt, but with some “rotor winds”, the pilot made an overhead pass at 300 ft along grass Runway 07 to assess the conditions; they were considered to be “fine”. The pilot rejoined the circuit and observed another aircraft land successfully. Having confirmed that the wind direction and speed were unchanged, the aircraft was positioned to land on Runway 07. The approach was uneventful

but, as the aircraft was about to land, it encountered a gust causing it to touch down heavily before bouncing. The pilot applied engine power to arrest the subsequent descent, but a further strong gust caused the aircraft to briefly climb before it stalled and landed heavily on the nosewheel, which detached. The nose leg dug into the soft ground, which tipped the aircraft forward and it came to rest inverted. The pilot sustained minor injuries and the passenger was unhurt. The aircraft was severely damaged.