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Aircraft Type and Registration: Jodel D140B, G-OBAN

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-360-A2A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1963

Date & Time (UTC): 10 May 1992 at 1615 hrs

Location: North Connel Airfield, Oban, Argyll

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 3

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Undercarriage collapsed causing further damage to propeller and underside of right wing and flap

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night ratings

Commander's Age: 40 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 512 hours (of which 21 were on type)
Last 90 days - 15 hours
Last 28 days - 6 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After a 20 minute flight in the local area where the weather was fine the pilot assessed the wind from the wind sock as 300-310° at 10 kt maximum. This was very similar to the wind at take-off but less than the 1200 hrs AIRMET forecast of 270°/15 kt. He flew a right-hand circuit to land on tarmac runway 02 and touched down about 200 metres from the threshold leaving some 900 metres within which to stop. During the rollout at a speed of about 20 kt the aircraft started to weathercock into wind. The pilot applied too much corrective rudder/brake and the aircraft swung to the right. This was followed by a further overcorrection to the left whereupon the the aircraft ground looped, the main landing gears collapsed at low speed and it skidded sideways for about 10 metres. The aircraft came to rest upright with no injuries to any of the occupants who vacated it normally within 35 seconds. Fuel was spilled on the runway when the front fuel drain cock was pushed up by the folded landing gear but there was no fire.

Commendably the pilot attributed the accident to his lack of experience on tail wheel aircraft.