

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Fournier RF5B, G-SSWV	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Limbach L 2000-EO piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1973	
Date & Time (UTC):	6 June 2008 at 1413 hrs	
Location:	Camphill Airfield, Great Hucklow, Derbyshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Tail wheel assembly damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	49 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	255 hours (of which 48 were on type) Last 90 days - 4 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

The surface wind was from the west at 10 to 15 kt and the aircraft was landing on a heading which was about 30° to the left of that. During the latter stages of the flare, with the pilot holding the control column almost fully aft, the aircraft dropped from a height of between 4 and 5 feet onto the runway. G-SSWV bounced once before touching down again and stopping. The hard landing damaged the tail wheel assembly, which prevented the aircraft from being taxied.

The pilot considered it possible that the wind had varied during the flare, when the aircraft was over the landing area, and may have become a tailwind. He also concluded that insufficient monitoring of the decaying airspeed and lack of currency in the prevailing conditions contributed to the accident.