

Pierre Robin R1180TD Aiglon, G-GDER, 6 October 2002

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Pierre Robin R1180TD Aiglon, G-GDER	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-360-A3A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1989	
Date & Time (UTC):	6 October 2002 at 1600 hrs	
Location:	Fairoaks Airport, Surrey	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 4
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Landing gear leg damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilots Licence	
Commander's Age:	44 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	342 hours (of which 107 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 4 hours	
	Last 28 days - hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

After an uneventful landing on Runway 06 at Fairoaks the pilot was instructed to ROLL TO THE END OF THE RUNWAY AND VACATE LEFT. The pilot, who was based at Fairoaks, did as instructed but instead of stopping clear of the runway to await clearance to backtrack, a temporary procedure in force whilst a new taxiway is constructed, continued to taxi onto the grass and around two rows of cones sectioning off the normal route along the eastern taxiway which was not in use. As he taxied the aircraft wheels dropped into a shallow trench 6 to 8 inches deep. This bent the right landing gear leg backwards and twisted the right wing spar.

The new taxiway construction was the subject of a Class 1 Notam, reference L1808/02 and a locally produced information sheet, which was displayed in the Fairoaks Flight Centre, briefing room and the ATC tower.