

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Percival Proctor 3, G-ALJF	
No & Type of Engines:	1 De Havilland Gipsy Queen 2 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1940	
Date & Time (UTC):	30 January 2011 at 1227 hrs	
Location:	Biggin Hill Airport, Kent	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Left undercarriage collapsed	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	76 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	3,509 hours (of which 1,047 were on type) Last 90 days - 3 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

After landing on Runway 03 of Biggin Hill Airport the pilot vacated the runway and taxied south on Taxiway A. The aircraft has a tailwheel landing gear so, when on the ground, the nose obscures the pilot's forward view, requiring 'S' turns to establish that the way ahead is clear. During one of these manoeuvres the pilot took the aircraft further to the side of the centreline than intended and the left gear contacted the warning light

for the A3 hold point. The left undercarriage collapsed and the aircraft came to rest on the grass area next to the holding point. The left undercarriage attachment had failed causing damage to the undercarriage, oil tank and the surrounding wing area. Slight damage to the A3 hold warning light was reported. The pilot was uninjured.