

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Pierre Robin HR200/120B, G-BYLH	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-L2A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1999	
Date & Time (UTC):	13 June 2009 at 1641 hrs	
Location:	Leeds Bradford Airport	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Minor damage to nosewheel spat	
Commander's Licence:	Student pilot	
Commander's Age:	45 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	35 hours (of which 25 were on type) Last 90 days - 25 hours Last 28 days - 12 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The student pilot was flying his second solo flight, a circuit consolidation exercise which included visual circuits using Runway 32. The weather was fine, with a light westerly wind. The pilot completed four 'touch-and-go' landings without incident, and was landing from his fifth approach when the accident occurred. As the aircraft nosewheel was lowered to the runway, the aircraft veered to the left; the pilot was unable to correct the deviation with rudder and the aircraft left the paved surface at the side of the runway. The pilot was uninjured and the aircraft suffered only minor damage.

The pilot's instructor remarked that other students had experienced problems with directional control on this type of aircraft. The operator was unable to find any fault on the aircraft and commented that the manufacturer had advised reducing the tyre pressure in the nosewheel to aid directional control on hard runways. Since the incident, the aircraft has flown without a repetition of this occurrence.