

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Jodel D120A Paris-Nice, G-BMLB	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp C90-14F piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1965	
Date & Time (UTC):	21 October 2007 at 1330 hrs	
Location:	Lydd Airport, Kent	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to left landing gear, left wing and airbrake	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	59 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	174 hours (of which 29 were on type) Last 90 days - 0 hours Last 28 days - 0 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

During landing the aircraft ground looped, resulting in a partial landing gear collapse.

History of the flight

The pilot was using Runway 21 at Lydd for landing from a short local flight. The asphalt runway was dry with a surface wind of 190°/3 kt. On touchdown G-BMLB began to oscillate in yaw. The pilot was unable to regain control and the aircraft ground looped. During the ground loop the left landing gear collapsed resulting in

damage to the wing and airbrake. The pilot, who was wearing a full harness, was uninjured and able to vacate the aircraft normally.

The pilot commented that he had not flown the aircraft for three months and that most of his recent flying had been on aircraft with nose gear. He considered that a refresher flight with an instructor prior to flying a tailwheel equipped aircraft would have been beneficial.