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Aircraft: Jodel DR 220 G-BFHR (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1966

Date and time (GMT): 6 March 1983 at about 1144 hrs

Location: Skegness aerodrome, Lincolnshire

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - Nil Passengers - Nil

Nature of damage: Propeller and cabin canopy destroyed. Minor damage to cockpit

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 43 years

Commander's total flying experience: 83 hours (of which 20 hours were on type)

The aircraft was on a private pleasure flight from Fenland aerodrome to Skegness aerodrome. The pilot reports that a normal approach and landing was made at Skegness aerodrome on runway 29. After stopping, the landing checks were completed and power was applied to initiate a turn through 180 degrees to taxi back parallel to the runway. As the aircraft had turned through about 120 degrees the tail lifted, the propeller struck the ground, and the aircraft turned over onto its back. One of the occupants vacated the aircraft through a side window, and the other was released by the aerodrome fire services, who arrived at the incident within 30 seconds of the occurrence. Both occupants were uninjured.

The weather at the time was overcast, the main cloud base at 3,000 feet, and the surface wind was reported as from 280 degrees at 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots.