
ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Beech H35 (Modified) Bonanza, G-ASJL	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp IO-520-BA12B piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1957	
Date & Time (UTC):	10 June 2008 at 1350 hrs	
Location:	Compton Abbas Airfield, Dorset	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to nose and main landing gear, propeller and engine	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	41 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	195 hours (of which 37 were on type) Last 90 days - 13 hours Last 28 days - 6 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

Following a normal touchdown, the aircraft was approximately halfway along the runway during the roll-out when, without warning, the landing gear collapsed. The aircraft slewed to the left and came to a halt, blocking the runway. The pilot turned off the fuel and electrical services and both occupants vacated the aircraft without injury. The pilot reflected that it was possible he had inadvertently selected the landing

gear switch to UP, having intended to retract the flaps. The aircraft was equipped with a weight-on-wheels microswitch that should have prevented landing gear retraction. However, it is possible that the slightly undulating nature of the runway may have caused the microswitch to open at some point during the roll out, allowing the gear to retract.