

Jodel DR1050-M, G-ATLB

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Jodel DR1050-M, G-ATLB

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rolls-Royce O-200-A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1959

Date & Time (UTC): 29 May 1999 at 1415 hrs

Location: Rufforth Gliding Centre, Nr York

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to left main gear, left wing and propeller tips

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 52 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 860 hours (of which 109 were on type)
Last 90 days - 2 hours
Last 28 days - 1 hour

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was landing on Runway 24 at Rufforth. No weather was passed on the radio but the pilot noted that the windsock indicated that the wind was from 280° and the speed he estimated as 5 kt. The approach was perfectly normal and the threshold was crossed at 70 mph, the correct speed for this aircraft. The touchdown and initial ground roll were normal until, after about 150 to 200 metres, the aircraft suddenly slewed to the right. The pilot checked that the engine was at idle RPM and applied left rudder. This had no apparent effect and the aircraft came to rest, still on the runway but heading about 90° to the right. The pilot, who was wearing lap and diagonal upper torso restraint, carried out the shutdown check and vacated the aircraft without injury.

He considered that the crosswind, 40° from the right at 5 to 10 kt, might have contributed to the accident.