

Piper Cub J3C-65, N2MD, 7 April 1996

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Aircraft Type and Registration:Piper Cub J3C-65, N2MD

No & Type of Engines:1 Continental A65 piston engine

Year of Manufacture:1945

Date & Time (UTC):7 April 1996 at 1800 hrs

Location:Rendcombe Airfield, Gloucestershire

Type of Flight:Private

Persons on Board:Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries:Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage:Broken propeller, collapsed undercarriage with broken bungee and undercarriage A-frame bent. In addition two overhead electrical supply cables were severed

Commander's Licence:Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:50 years

Commander's Flying Experience:496 hours (of which 22 were on type)

Last 90 days - 25 hours

Last 28 days - 20 hours

Information Source:Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After flying in the local area for some minutes, the aircraft returned to Rendcombe. Observing that the windsock indicated a light westerly wind, the pilot made his approach to land on the westerly runway. Concentrating on his approach and with the sun low on the horizon and shining in his eyes, he failed to see the electric power cables which border the airfield and flew into them damaging the aircraft.