

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Jabiru UL-450, G-BZMC	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Jabiru Aircraft Pty 2200A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2001	
Date & Time (UTC):	21 July 2010 at 1745 hrs	
Location:	Headon Farm Airstrip, near Gamston, Nottinghamshire	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Nose landing gear, propeller and underside of nose cowling damaged	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	67 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	3,143 hours (of which 2,214 were on type) Last 90 days - 6 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Pilot's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Pilot's Age:	62 years	
Pilot's Flying Experience:	96 hours (of which 12 were on type) Last 90 days - 15 hours Last 28 days - 6 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was converting from a flex-wing aircraft to the Jabiru, a three-axis-control type aircraft. An instructor, the pilot in command, was accompanying the pilot and circuits were being flown using grass Runway 32 at Headon Farm Airstrip. The runway is 545 m in length, with the width varying between 20 m and 30 m. The weather conditions were fine and dry, with light winds from 010°.

The pilot reported that the approach was normal but that he had flared too high and then bounced on landing.

Following the bounce, he attempted to recover and land again but the aircraft pitched nose-down, causing the nose landing gear to collapse and the propeller to strike the ground. The aircraft came to a stop after rolling along the ground for approximately 20 m.

The instructor reported that he had tried to apply power in an attempt to prevent the aircraft from stalling during the flare but that he was unable to intervene quickly enough to avert the accident.