

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Ikarus C42 FB80, G-CDRO	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2005 (Serial no: 0507-6750)	
Date & Time (UTC):	26 May 2013 at 0926 hrs	
Location:	Old Sarum Airfield, Wiltshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Left main landing gear damaged	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	63 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	156 hours (of which all were on type) Last 90 days - 8 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was landing at Old Sarum Airfield following a flight from Popham. The weather conditions were fine, with a very light wind from the north-west. The pilot flew a normal approach to Runway 24 but the aircraft "ballooned" in the flare, which the pilot attributed to him pulling the control column back too far. He attempted to recover the situation by applying a small amount of power to control the descent on to

the runway. However, the aircraft made a heavy touch down and the left main landing gear collapsed, causing the aircraft to veer sharply to the left and off the grass runway. The pilot and his passenger, who were both wearing full harnesses, were uninjured. In his report, the pilot recognised that a go-around would have been the correct course of action.