

Gardan GY80-160D, G-BKNI, 28 May 2001 at 1740 hrs

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Gardan GY80-160D, G-BKNI
No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-D2A
Year of Manufacture: 1969
Date & Time (UTC): 28 May 2001 at 1740 hrs
Location: Bourn Airfield, near Cambridge
Type of Flight: Private
Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1
Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None
Nature of Damage: Propeller damaged, engine shock loaded
Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age: 55 years
Commander's Flying Experience: 484 hours (of which 400 were on type)
Last 90 days - 7 hours
Last 28 days - 6 hours
Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot had flown from Ostend, Belgium, to Bourn airfield in Cambridgeshire. On arrival at Bourn the meteorological conditions were reported as: surface wind 300°/10-15 kt, visibility greater than 10 km with no significant weather and scattered cloud at 3,000 feet. The pilot flew a visual approach to land on Runway 24 but noted that the undershoot area was obstructed by a parked car. He therefore initiated a go around and, as part of the normal go around sequence, he raised the landing gear. The pilot then circled to land on Runway 01. During the landing flare, with the aircraft in a level attitude, the propeller impacted the asphalt runway surface. The pilot switched off the magnetos and fuel and he and his passenger vacated the aircraft. As he did so the pilot realised that the landing gear was still retracted.

The pilot assessed the cause of this accident as his failure to note the landing gear warning light during the approach to Runway 01.