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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Jodel D117, G-ATWB

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Continental Motors Corp O-200-A piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1956

**Date and Time (UTC):** 7 October 1989 at 0930 hrs

**Location:** Southend Airport, Essex

**Type of Flight:** Private (pleasure)

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - 1

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Damage to propeller and main landing gear

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 59 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 61 hours (of which 13 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft landed on runway 24 at Southend Airport. Shortly before the intersection with runway 15/33 the pilot was instructed, by ATC, to "vacate first left down runway 15". In order to comply he applied left rudder and brake. The aircraft veered sharply to the left and, despite the application of full right rudder, it ran off the runway, onto the grass, before it reached the intersection. The left main landing gear encountered a shallow gully, which caused the nose to pitch forwards, and the aircraft came to rest in a nose down attitude. The emergency services were immediately deployed and both occupants, who were wearing full upper torso restraint, escaped unaided and without injury.

The pilot considered that, in his desire to comply promptly with the ATC instruction, he had not fully appreciated the relatively high speed at which the aircraft was travelling when he initiated the turn. The surface wind, observed at 0933 hrs, was 280°/8 kt.