

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Bolkow BO 208C Junior, G-AVLO	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp O-200-A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1967	
Date & Time (UTC):	19 February 2009 at 1230 hrs	
Location:	Knockin Airstrip, near Oswestry, Shropshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Nose landing gear, propeller and engine cowling damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	74 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,044 hours (of which 630 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

Whilst on base leg, the pilot noted that the aircraft was higher and faster than usual. On final approach, 250 m from the runway threshold, the aircraft was still 15 kt faster than its normal approach speed of 65 kt. The pilot became concerned that the aircraft's excess speed might result in an overrun and attempted to touch down shortly after crossing the runway threshold. Whilst he was monitoring the aircraft's speed, it touched down on

an up-sloping section of the runway, which resulted in the collapse of the nose landing gear and the propeller striking the ground. The pilot and his passenger were uninjured. The pilot attributed the accident to his preoccupation with the aircraft's speed to the detriment of his positional awareness. In hindsight, he considers that it would have been more appropriate to go around rather than continue with the approach.