ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Vans RV-8, G-XSEA

No & Type of Engines: 1 Superior XP-IO-360-B1AA2 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 2005

Date & Time (UTC): 14 January 2012 at 1430 hrs

Location: North Weald Airfield, Essex

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Tailwheel

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 78 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 2,759 hours (of which 113 were on type)

Last 90 days - 9 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft landed on Runway 20 at North Weald. At the end of the landing roll the aircraft ground looped, causing damage to the tailwheel. The pilot considered that the limitations in forward view in his

tailwheel aircraft together with the glare from the low sun in front of him had caused him to lose his sense of direction temporarily.

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