

No: 9/87

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Aircraft type and registration: Pierre Robin DR400-140B G-BDUY

No & Type of engines: 1 Avco Lycoming 0-320-D2A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1975

Date and time (UTC): 4 July 1987 at 1635 hrs

Location: Seething Airfield, Norfolk

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 2

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Minor to nose landing gear and propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 58 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 515 hours

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

The aircraft made a normal approach to Runway 07. The reported wind was 050°/15 knots gusting to 25 knots. Just before touchdown the aircraft encountered a gust and landed heavily. The initial landing run was uneventful, but after about 300 metres the aircraft veered to the right. On application of corrective rudder, the aircraft veered to the left and then abruptly to the right. The pilot stopped the aircraft on the runway using moderate braking whereupon it adopted a nose-down attitude and the propeller struck the runway causing the engine to stop. The nose undercarriage strut had partially collapsed.