

Aircraft Type and Registration: Auster J1U Workmaster, G-APMH

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-360-A2A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1958

Date & Time (UTC): 21 May 1995 at 1750 hrs

Location: Lude Airstrip, Blair Atholl

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to both main landing gear legs, propeller bent and engine shock loaded

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with Night Rating

Commander's Age: 33 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 1,159 hours (of which 902 were on type)
Last 90 days - 55 hours
Last 28 days - 32 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The airstrip at Lude has a grass surface which was short, dry and in good condition. The surface wind was estimated to have been southerly at about 6 kt and the pilot elected to land in a southeasterly direction. Initially the approach was high and so he executed an 'S' Turn which then left him lower than he wished. About 250 metres before the threshold the aircraft was stabilised on the approach with full flap and suitable power selected. Just before the threshold, the aircraft started to sink rapidly; the pilot applied power and the aircraft cleared the boundary fence but landed heavily about 5 metres into the strip. The right main landing gear started to collapse and, after about 100 metres, the propeller impacted the ground. The aircraft came quickly to a halt. The pilot shut down the engine and switched off the fuel and electrics before he and the passenger left through the normal access doors. Both wore full upper torso restraint and escaped without injury.