

No: 9/84

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Aircraft type and registration: Jodel D 117 G-BGTX (Light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1957

Date and time (GMT): 29 July 1984 at 1430 hrs

Location: Badminton Aerodrome, Avon

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — Nil

Nature of damage: Damage to starboard undercarriage and underside of wing

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 41 years

Commander's total flying experience: 363 hours (of which 39 hours were on type)

Information Source: Accident Report pro-forma completed by pilot and eye witness report.

The aircraft was engaged in a cross-country flight from Shobden to Badminton and return. About 1 hour after arriving at Badminton it taxied out for the return flight. Almost immediately after commencing its take-off run on grass runway 25 and before getting airborne it was caught by a gust of wind. A witness reported that it first swung into wind towards the south and then veered back across the runway and headed to the north west. The aircraft failed to get airborne and ran down a bank into a valley where the starboard undercarriage leg collapsed. The wind at the time was from 190° at 12—15 kt gusting to 20 kt.