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Aircraft Type and Registration: Druine D31 Turbulent, G-APOL
No & Type of Engines: 1 Ardem 4C02 Mk 1B piston engine
Year of Manufacture: 1963
Date & Time (UTC): 26 May 1991 at 1500 hrs
Location: Charterhall (Kelso) Airport, Duns, Berwickshire
Type of Flight: Private
Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None
Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage: Damage to right main landing gear
Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age: 31 years
Commander's Flying Experience: 161 hours (of which 4 were on type)
Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

At the end of a 50 minute flight, the aircraft landed heavily on the right main gear which collapsed. The surface wind was light and there was no significant weather reported. The pilot wore full upper torso restraint and escaped without injury.

In her report to the AAIB, the pilot considered that, just prior to touchdown, she had cut the power too quickly which caused the aircraft to descend at a higher than normal rate. As the wings were not quite level, the right main landing gear struck the runway first.