

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Jabiru SK, G-HINZ	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Jabiru Aircraft PTY 2200A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2000	
Date & Time (UTC):	17 April 2011 at 1320 hrs	
Location:	Manchester Barton Airport	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Nosewheel, propeller, cabin floor, engine shock-loaded	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	63 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	730 hours (of which 1 was on type) Last 90 days - 4 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot had just completed an aircraft familiarisation flight and was returning to Barton Airport, Runway 27. The weather was fine with a light variable wind. He reported that the approach was "quite normal" at 250 ft aal but, while descending through 200 ft aal, airspeed reduced and he increased engine power. The aircraft then pitched up, down then up again before it "suddenly pitched down", striking the ground. The nosewheel detached and the aircraft slid along the runway for 30-40 m.

Both occupants were wearing lap and diagonal harnesses and were uninjured. After the accident, the ASI was tested and found to be reading correctly. The pilot was unable to identify a single cause of the accident.