

Pierre Robin HR100/210 Safari II, G-MPWI

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Pierre Robin HR100/210 Safari II, G-MPWI
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental IO-360-D30B piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1973
Date & Time (UTC):	18 September 1997 at 1035 hrs
Location:	Dunkeswell Aerodrome, Devon
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Left landing gear leg detached, damage to left wing and nosewheel spat
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings
Commander's Age:	46 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	703 hours (of which about 600 were on type) Last 90 days - 56 hours Last 28 days - 13 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and further enquiries by AAIB

The pilot was familiar with Dunkeswell and weather conditions were good with a surface wind of 150_/10 kt. A powered approach was made to Runway 18 and the flare was commenced at the normal point. The pilot was then surprised to see a mound of soil across the width of the runway on the approach path and was unable to prevent the left landing gear making contact with it. The aircraft touched down on the runway and was maintained in a wings-level attitude until speed decayed and it slewed left onto the grass.