

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 180, G-BEOD
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp O-470-L piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1955 (Serial no: 32092)
Date & Time (UTC):	18 November 2012 at 1515 hrs
Location:	Runway 03, Lydd Airport, Kent
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2 Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to right wing, landing gear, propeller and tailplane
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	76 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	518 hours (of which 22 were on type) Last 90 days - 1 hour Last 28 days - 1 hour
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was taking off from Runway 03 at Lydd Airport to practise circuits; the wind direction was reported as 090° at a speed of about 4 kt. The pilot reports that he started the takeoff run with the first stage of flap selected and, as the tail lifted and full power was applied, he applied right rudder to counteract the engine torque. At an indicated 60 mph the aircraft lifted off

with the end of the runway coming into sight. However, the aircraft suddenly veered to the left and, in trying to correct with right rudder and aileron, the pilot was unable to prevent the right wingtip from striking the ground. The aircraft came to a halt with the right main landing gear strut detached and further damage to the right wingtip, tailplane and propeller.