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**Aircraft Type
and Registration:**

Jodel D120, G-VIDE

No & Type of Engines:

1 Continental Motors Corp. C90-14F piston engine

Year of Manufacture:

1964

Date and Time (UTC):

10 September 1988

Location:

Aldbury, Tring, Buckinghamshire

Type of Flight:

Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board:

Crew - 1

Passengers - 1

Injuries:

Crew - None

Passengers - None

Nature of Damage:

Left wing, fuselage and landing gear damaged. Propeller broken and minor damage to tail plane and right side of aircraft

Commander's Licence

Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:

61 years

**Commander's Total
Flying Experience:**

725 hours (of which 265 were on type)

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was practising a forced landing. He closed the throttle at an altitude of 1500 feet and then had to make several adjustments to his flight path in order reach the field that he had selected. When on final approach to the field the pilot realised that he was too low and applied power. He then saw a power line ahead of him and tried to fly his aircraft over it. However, the aircraft continued to sink and its tail spring contacted the power cable which broke at a point to the right of the aircraft. The cable wrapped round the rear fuselage and, still being attached to its pole, it arrested the progress of the aircraft which sank to the ground. The cable broke on the left side and the aircraft, which had swung to the right, slid into a fence on its left before coming to rest. The pilot considers that the power line was difficult to see since it was parallel to and appeared to him at the same height as the pathway and fences the aircraft eventually struck.