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Aircraft Type and Registration: Casa 1-131E Series 2000 'Bucker Jungmann', G-EHBJ

No & Type of Engines: 1 Enma Tigre G-IV-B piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1954

Date & Time (UTC): 2 August 1991 at 1800 hrs

Location: Park Farm airstrip, Hethersett, Norfolk

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Main landing gear collapsed, landing gear wheels and lower wings inboard trailing edges damaged; propeller tips bent

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 37 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 2,560 hours (of which 23 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Before taking off on runway 27, the pilot inspected the landing area of this grass strip and considered it satisfactory. However, upon returning overhead the airfield the pilot noted that the windsock indicated an easterly wind and so he elected to land in the opposite direction to his departure, i.e. runway 09.

Whilst approaching to land at a threshold speed of 100 kph, which involved a nose-high attitude, the pilot did not notice an uneven area of ground at the threshold end of the strip. As the main landing gear wheels touched down on this uneven area failure of the forward facing landing gear bracing links occurred, allowing the landing gear to collapse rearwards. The aircraft settled onto its underside and slid gently to rest some 40 metres into the strip. The pilot was not injured and vacated the cockpit unaided. This was the first occasion upon which the pilot had used runway 09.