

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Ikarus C42 FB80, G-RODJ	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2007	
Date & Time (UTC):	28 August 2008 at 1107 hrs	
Location:	Swansea Airport	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to landing gear	
Commander's Licence:	Student	
Commander's Age:	40 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	57 hours (not known how many on type) Last 90 days - not known Last 28 days - not known	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the owner of the flying school	

History of the flight

According to an incomplete report provided by the owner of the flying school, the aircraft departed the side of the runway on landing, because of a "wrong rudder input". The air traffic control officer on duty observed the accident and also submitted a report. He stated that the pilot was a student pilot on his first solo flight and that he appeared to flare too soon for landing. A heavy bounced landing occurred, after which directional control was lost and the aircraft departed the side of the runway.

The initial notification to the AAIB stated that the nose landing gear wheel and one main wheel were damaged; the report from the owner of the flying school stated that only '*light nose wheel*' damage occurred.

Attempts by the AAIB to contact the owner of the school were unsuccessful.