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**Aircraft Type
and Registration:**

Nord 1203/2, G-BHXJ

No & Type of Engines:

1 Snecma Regnier 4L00 piston engine

Year of Manufacture:

1948

Date and Time (UTC):

9 April 1989 at 1515 hrs

Location:

Compton Abbas Aerodrome, Dorset

Type of Flight:

Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board:

Crew - 2

Passengers - None

Injuries:

Crew - None

Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage:

Landing gear torn off, leading edge damage to both wings, substantial damage to propeller and engine cowling.

Commander's Licence:

Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:

52 years

**Commander's Total
Flying Experience:**

620 hours (of which 86 were on type)

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was taking off from runway 08 at Compton Abbas Aerodrome for a flight to Wycombe Air Park. Prior to departure the pilot reports that he had been advised that the surface wind conditions, a 15 knot cross wind from the right, were not ideal and that he could expect a curl over effect due to the high ground south of the aerodrome.

Power checks were carried out at the holding point and the aircraft lined up for take off. The pilot states that the take off started normally and that he decided to add 10 kph to the rotation speed in order to allow for the wind conditions. The aircraft lifted off at 105 kph and immediately began to drift to the left. As it did not appear to be climbing the pilot warned the other occupant that he was not happy with the situation and was landing back on. The aircraft touched down on the left hand edge of the runway, and although the pilot made every effort to regain the centre line, he was unable to prevent the aircraft veering further left where it collided with the aerodrome boundary hedge. The force of the impact swung the aircraft round through 180 degrees, the landing gear collapsed, and substantial airframe damage was caused.

There was no fire and the occupants, both of whom were wearing diagonal upper torso restraint harnesses, vacated the aircraft without injury.