

Nord 1002, G-ETME

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Nord 1002, G-ETME

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming 0540 E4 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1951

Date & Time (UTC): 6 August 2000 at 1800 hrs

Location: White Waltham Airfield, Berkshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Left gear leg separated; damage to gear structure, left flap and left aileron

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 32 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 339 hours (of which 32 were on type)

Last 90 days - 15 hours

Last 28 days - 5 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After a short flight, the pilot made a normal approach through the overhead for a right hand circuit to Runway 29; the weather was good with a light and variable surface wind. Following the circuit, the pilot considered that his final approach was normal and that he crossed the threshold at his normal speed. However, he flared too high and the resulting touchdown was firm. The aircraft continued in a straight line for approximately 200 metres until, at about 15 kt, the left gear leg collapsed rearwards; the left wing contacted the ground and the aircraft pivoted around it. The pilot secured the engine and he and his passenger vacated G-ETME without difficulty. In his report, the pilot commented that he experienced some difficulty with the setting sun as he turned onto finals but that he did not believe that this had contributed to the accident.