

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Jodel D117A, G-AYHX	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Continental Motors Corp C90-14F piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1958	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	30 May 2009 at 1025 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Henstridge Airfield, Somerset	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Damage to left landing gear, left wing and propeller tip.	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	45 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	200 hours (of which 14 were on type) Last 90 days - 12 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was landing on Runway 07 at Henstridge Airfield with a reported wind of 5 to 10 kt from a direction of 110°. Following a normal touchdown, the pilot retarded the throttle and, initially, the aircraft rolled out along the runway. However, it then began to weathercock into wind. The pilot applied left rudder but was unable to stop the aircraft continuing to turn. During the turn, the left landing gear collapsed. The

aircraft continued to slide, scraping the left wing on the ground, and departed the runway before coming to rest on the grass. The pilot exited the aircraft without difficulty. He commented that this was his first landing of a tailwheel aircraft onto a concrete surface. It was a hot day and, with little airflow over the rudder to provide control authority, he was not able to react quickly enough to prevent the ground loop.