

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Jodel D112, G-AYCP	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp A65-8F piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1952	
Date & Time (UTC):	15 September 2011 at 1130 hrs	
Location:	White Fen Farm, Benwick, Cambridgeshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to the propeller, nose bowl, cowling and canopy	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	65 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	288 hours (of which 5 were on type) Last 90 days - 5 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was flying circuits to grass Runway 36. The weather conditions were fine and the wind was light and variable. The aircraft landed after the third circuit and, as it slowed down, it suddenly veered to the left, departed the grass strip and entered a ploughed field. The wheels sank into the soft ground and the aircraft flipped over onto its back. The pilot, who was uninjured, was able to vacate the aircraft via the canopy.

The pilot considered that, due to his inexperience on tail-wheeled aircraft, he had not used sufficient rudder to keep the aircraft straight at lower speeds. When he checked the left main landing gear after the accident, he could find no evidence of binding brakes or other mechanical fault that could cause the aircraft to veer left suddenly.