

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Pioneer 300 Pioneer, G-EKIM	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Jabiru Aircraft Pty 3300A piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2007 (Serial no: PFA 330-14491)	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	4 March 2013 at 1655 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Chiltern Park, Oxfordshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Damage to nosewheel and retraction system, engine, propeller and cowling	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	66 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	404 hours (of which 234 were on type) Last 90 days - 8 hours Last 28 days - 6 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft arrived at Chiltern Park from the south-west, expecting to land on grass Runway 22L/04R. However, the pilot saw that that runway was being used to lay out a hot air balloon prior to flight, so he selected Runway 33 instead and made a descending right turn towards the threshold. He stated that he crossed the threshold "possibly a bit too fast" at a height of 100 ft and the first touchdown caused the aircraft to bounce slightly. On the third touchdown the nosewheel hit a bump and collapsed, causing the propeller and engine cowling to strike the ground as the aircraft came to a halt.

Whilst remarking that the runway surface was somewhat uneven, the pilot acknowledged that the accident was caused by too much speed prior to touchdown coupled with his failure to go around as the bouncing commenced.