

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Thruster T600T 450 Jab, G-BZJD	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Jabiru Aircraft PTY 2200A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2001	
Date & Time (UTC):	3 July 2011 at 1552 hrs	
Location:	Old Hay Airfield, Paddock Wood, Kent	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Nose and landing gear damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	60 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	274 hours (of which 24 were on type) Last 90 days - 10 hours Last 28 days - 8 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was on a local flight from Old Hay Airfield, Paddock Wood, Kent and returned to the circuit for what would be his ninth landing of the day. The weather at the time was dry with generally light winds. On the previous landings the pilot had used both Runway 10 and 28 due to a variable wind. Having observed the windsock the pilot elected to use Runway 10.

The pilot described the approach as normal. However, after touching down, as the aircraft passed the end of a line of trees on the northern side of the strip, the aircraft

bounced slightly and the left wing lifted. It then bounced again and, despite applying power, the aircraft did not respond before veering right, off the strip into long grass. As the aircraft stopped it tipped forward and came to rest on its nose. The landing gear was also damaged as a result of the bounces. The pilot and his passenger vacated the aircraft uninjured.

The pilot considered the accident was the result of a sudden gust of wind around the line of trees, of approximately 10 kt from the north.