

No: 11/87

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Aircraft type and registration: Piel CP301B G-ARIW

No & Type of engines: 1 Continental Motors Corp C90-14F piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1958

Date and time (GMT): 16 August 1987 at 1625 hrs

Location: Woburn Park, Bedfordshire

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Right main landing gear collapsed — resultant damage to right wing and propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 45 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 158 hours (of which 76 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

The aircraft, with two persons on board, was taking off from runway 21 at Woburn Park aerodrome. The runway surface is mown grass. The pilot reports that during the take-off run at a speed of about 40 knots, just prior to rotation, the aircraft ran over some ridges across the strip and the right side main landing gear collapsed. The aircraft's right wing contacted the grass and it slid to a halt swinging to the right. Both occupants, who were wearing full upper torso restraint harness which held throughout the deceleration, vacated the aircraft without injury.