No: 5/88 Ref: 1c

Aircraft Type

and Registration: Jodel D120A, G-BJOE

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

Year of Manufacture: 1960

Date and Time (UTC): 5 March 1988 at 1717 hrs

Location: Fenland Airfield, Spalding, Lincs

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew -1 Passengers -1

Injuries: Crew -1 (minor) Passengers -1 (minor)

Nature of Damage: Damage to port wing leading edge, propeller and canopy broken

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings

Commander's Age: 36 years

Commander's Total

Flying Experience: 294 hours (of which 16 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was landing at Fenland Airfield and, as it was not equipped with radio, a low pass had been performed to check the windsock and signals square, which indicated a south-westerly wind and runway 18 in use. The wind direction and speed was actually 240°/10 kt.

Joining the circuit late downwind, the pilot turned finals at about 400 feet. Although he felt the aircraft was rather high, he continued the landing, touching down well beyond the runway numbers.

Anticipating that the aircraft would over-run, he applied full power to go-around, following which the aircraft swung to the left and ran off the end of the runway, travelling into a ploughed field where it over-turned. Both occupants were wearing a full seat harness and exited the aircraft with superficial cuts and bruises.