

**No: 6/87**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Jodel D117A G-AXAT

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

**Year of Manufacture:** 1958

**Date and time (UTC):** 11 April 1987 at 0915 hrs

**Location:** Southend Airport, Essex

**Type of flight:** Private (pleasure)

**Persons on board:** Crew — 1                      Passengers — None

**Injuries:** Crew — None                      Passengers — N/A

**Nature of damage:** Damage to the propeller and canopy

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 36 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 500 hours (of which 55 were on type)

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

The aircraft was parked, nose into wind, the speed of which was reported as 17 knots with gusts to 27 knots. In order to reposition the aircraft by a tie down point, it was taxied forward and then turned through 180° to the left. On completion of the turn, the tail lifted causing the propeller to strike the ground. The pilot stopped the engine and vacated the aircraft, which was, shortly afterwards, turned onto its back by a subsequent gust.