

INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Jodel D117, G-AWWI	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental C90-14F piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1957	
Date & Time (UTC):	29 July 1994 at 1515 hrs	
Location:	RNAS Culdrose, Helston, Cornwall	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Substantial to both wings and propeller	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	27 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	66 hours (of which 8 were on type) Last 90 days - 6 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

After landing, the aircraft was shut down adjacent to its hangar. It was intended to put the aircraft in this hangar but, as it was closed, arrangements were made to taxi the aircraft to another hangar for overnight storage. The first attempt to start the hot engine was unsuccessful and the second, after priming, resulted in the engine running at high power and the aircraft surging forward. The inexperienced pilot became confused and failed to stop the aircraft before it had completed a 360° turn and collided with two posts supporting airfield signs. The pilot considered that the cause of the accident was a combination of a mis-set throttle and the fact that he mistakenly had his feet on the rudder pedals rather than on the brake pedals.