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Aircraft type and registration:	Piel CP301B Emeraude G-ARIW (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)	
Year of Manufacture:	1958	
Date and time (GMT):	9 April 1985 at 1130 hrs	
Location:	Wellsbourne Aerodrome, Near Stratford-upon-Avon	
Type of flight:	Private (pleasure)	
Persons on board:	Crew — 1	Passengers — 1
Injuries:	Crew — None	Passengers — None
Nature of damage:	Undercarriage leg broken, and minor damage to flaps and aileron brackets	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's licence with IMC rating.	
Commander's Age:	38 years	
Commander's total flying experience:	202 hours (of which 16 were on type)	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.	

The aircraft took off on runway 18 and carried out a flight in the local area. On return to the airfield the pilot was informed by the tower that the runway in use was 36. The wind was from 270° at 8 kt. The pilot states that, after an uneventful approach and landing, he was unable to prevent the aircraft veering to the left although he applied full right rudder and brake. The aircraft ground looped and came to rest with the left undercarriage leg broken.

The pilot reports that, from his observation of the windsock on vacating the aircraft, the wind was gusting up to 12 to 15 kt.