

No: 2/86

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Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA28-181 G-BHYS (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date and time (GMT): 7 December 1985 at 1140 hrs

Location: Biggin Hill aerodrome

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 3

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Aircraft destroyed. Damage to a hedge.

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 41 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 133 hours (all of which were on type)

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

Just after the aircraft had touched down on runway 21 the pilot initiated an overshoot. As the aircraft's nose started to rise the pilot checked it and held it on the horizon. The aircraft then started to veer to the left but did not climb. At this time the pilot briefly smelt rubber. The pilot attempted to correct the veer but without success. As the aircraft approached the airfield perimeter hedge the pilot closed the throttle and the aircraft ran into the hedge. The flaps were left in the approach configuration, which was full flap, and were not retracted during the attempted overshoot because the aircraft had not gained sufficient height. The wind at the time of the accident was 240 degrees 12 kt.