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Aircraft Type and Registration: Partenavia P68C, G-BJRZ

No & Type of Engines: 2 Lycoming IO-360-A1B6 piston engines

Year of Manufacture: 1981

Date & Time (UTC): 14 July 1995 at 1550 hrs

Location: Peterborough (Sibson) Airfield

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to left main landing gear and support structure

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with Night Rating

Commander's Age: 52 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 167 hours (of which 17 were on type)
Last 90 days - 22 hours
Last 28 days - 13 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot had passed the flight test for the issue of a Group B aircraft rating, but was carrying out some practice solo circuits using the grass Runway 25. The first three circuits were carried out without incident. On the fourth approach, the pilot reported that he flared too high which resulted in a heavy landing. After a normal ground roll, the aircraft was brought to a halt on the left side of the runway, and was subsequently towed clear. The surface wind was reported as 220°/15 kt.

A Qualified Flying Instructor observed the final approach and noted that the aircraft appeared to be flying too slowly, but he could not see the flare and touchdown.