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Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA-28-180D G-AXOR
No & Type of Engines: One Lycoming O-360-A4A piston engine
Year of Manufacture: 1969
Date and time (GMT): 3 May 1986 at 1615 hrs
Location: Compton Abbas Airfield, Dorset
Type of flight: Private (pleasure)
Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 3
Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None
Nature of damage: Nosewheel leg sheared off. Damage to propeller, underside of cowling and engine bearer frame
Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age: 38 years
Commander's total flying experience: 54 hours (of which approximately 15 were on type)
Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

Following a satisfactory dual check, the pilot embarked three passengers and took-off for a short cross-country flight. On returning to the airfield, he observed that the windsock indicated a light southerly wind, reported to be 160°/10 knots, and he flew a circuit to land on runway 08. His approach to land was normal, and his airspeed was reported to be approximately 80 knots as he passed a line of trees to the right of the approach on short finals. After passing the trees, he reduced power. Shortly afterwards the stall warning light illuminated at about 100 feet above the ground, and the aircraft sank rapidly on to the runway, landing in a nose-down attitude. The aircraft bounced and, on its second contact with the ground, the nose oleo leg sheared off.