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INCIDENT REPORT

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Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA23-250 Aztec G-BAED
(light twin engine fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacturing: 1968

Date and time (GMT): 1 September 1983 at 1500 hrs

Location: Jersey Airport, Channel Islands

Type of flight: Private (business)

Persons on board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 2

Injuries: Crew - Nil Passengers - Nil

Nature of damage: Minor - damage to propellers, skin forward of nose-wheel leg, and nose gear doors

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 45 years

Commander's total flying experience: 1,060 hours (of which 6 hours were on type)

The aircraft was landing on runway 27 at Jersey. The weather was generally fine with a wind of 290° at 25 knots. After a normal approach and landing, the nose gear leg collapsed at an estimated speed of 30-40 knots. During the subsequent inspection, it was found that the nose gear down lock plate was slightly bent, and may have prevented the nose gear locking claws from closing fully.