

No: 9/92

Ref: EW/G92/07/18

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-38-112 Tomahawk, G-DYOU

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1978

Date & Time (UTC): 23 July 1992 at 0944 hrs

Location: Wycombe Air Park, Buckinghamshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1, Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial damage that was beyond economic repair

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 64 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 128 hours (all on type)
Last 90 days - 1½ hours
Last 28 days - 1 hour

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was on a solo training flight in the Wycombe Air Park aerodrome circuit. The pilot reports that following an approach to the grass runway 17, the aircraft bounced from the asphalt surface of the intersecting runway 07/25. He was unable to control the ensuing bounces and on the third contact with the ground the nose landing gear collapsed. The aircraft slid to a halt and the pilot disembarked without injury. The weather conditions at the time were visibility 10 kilometres, no low cloud and a surface wind of 160/06 knots.