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<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Socata TB20, G-BLXA
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming IO-540-C4D5D piston engine
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1982
<b>Date and Time (UTC):</b>	18 March 1990 at 1355 hrs
<b>Location:</b>	East Midlands Airport, Derby
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private (training)
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 2                      Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None                      Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Nose landing gear collapsed, propeller and right wingtip damaged
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	55 years
<b>Commander's Total Flying Experience:</b>	107 hours (of which 22 were on type)
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot reports that after a flight from Coventry he made what he considered to be a normal approach to runway 27 at East Midlands Airport. As the aircraft was flared some turbulence was encountered and shortly after touch down on the main landing gear, the left wing lifted suddenly which the pilot was unable to correct despite the application of full opposite aileron, and the right wing tip contacted the runway surface. The aircraft next slewed to the left, and as it departed from the paved surface, the nose landing gear collapsed. Both occupants vacated the aircraft without injury.

The surface wind conditions recorded by the Airport anemometer showed 180/14 knots, gusting to 20 knots.