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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-38-112, G-BGZJ	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1979	
Date and Time (UTC):	5 August 1990 at 1026 hrs	
Location:	Cambridge Airport, Cambridgeshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to right mainplane	
Commander's Licence:	Student Pilot	
Commander's Age:	38 years	
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	75 hours (of which 40 were on type)	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The holding point for runway 31 was marked by a day-glo marker. A chequered runway control vehicle was located on the downwind side of this marker. The aircraft was stopped on the grass beside the runway control vehicle. When the pilot was advised to be ready for immediate departure he attempted to pass between the marker and the vehicle and, whilst he observed other aircraft on the approach, the left wingtip of his aircraft hit the vehicle. The aircraft swung to the left and hit the vehicle again before stopping.