

**No: 6/84**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Partenavia P68B G-HUBB (light twin-engined fixed-wing aircraft)

**Year of manufacture:** 1979

**Date and time (GMT):** 25 May 1984 at 1647 hrs

**Location:** Norwich Airport, Norfolk

**Type of flight:** Private (business)

**Persons on board:** Crew – 1                      Passengers – 4

**Injuries:** Crew – Nil                      Passengers – Nil

**Nature of damage:** Minor – loss of nose gear assembly, and skin damage

**Commander's Licence:** Commercial Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 25 years

**Commander's total flying experience:** 1080 hours (of which 240 were on type)

The aircraft was landing on runway 09 at Norwich Airport with the wind from 350° m at 06 kt. After touch down, and upon lowering the nose of the aircraft, the nose gear strut and oleo separated from the aircraft. There was abrasive damage caused by the macadam surface to the underside of the nose, and DME aerial. Engineers report that the detachment of the nose gear was the result of a torque link breakage.