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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-161 Cherokee Warrior II, G-BPJP

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1988

Date & Time (UTC): 20 April 1992 at 1326 hrs

Location: Oxford Airport, Kidlington, Oxfordshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to left main plane and fuselage centre section

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 17 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 34 hours (of which 23 were on type)
Last 90 days - 23 hours
Last 28 days - 23 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

On completion of a solo circuit detail, the student was briefed to position his aircraft outside the airfield fire station for an engine running crew change. In order to reach the briefed parking area, the student had to manoeuvre his aircraft between a parked aircraft and some fuel pumps. Whilst maintaining sufficient clearance from the parked aircraft on his right, the student failed to notice a parked fuel bowser to his left. The left wing tip struck the the vehicle riding up onto the bonnet and slewing the aircraft to the left. The student shut down the engine and vacated the aircraft without injury. Airport fire services were on the scene immediately. There was no fire or fuel spillage.