No: 2/91 Ref: EW/G90/11/16 Category: 1c

Aircraft Type

and Registration: Piper PA-34-200-2, G-BBZJ

No & Type of Engines: 2 Lycoming piston engines IO-360-C1E6 (left)

LIO-360-C1E6 (right)

Year of Manufacture: 1974

Date and Time (UTC): 28 November 1990 at 1310 hrs

Location: Blackbushe Airport, Hampshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to nose gear, forward fuselage and propeller tips

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC rating

Commander's Age: 37 years

Commander's Total

Flying Experience: 153 hours (of which 12 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was landing on runway 08 in good weather conditions and a surface wind reported to be variable at 5 kt. After a normal approach the aircraft landed hard and began to porpoise. After several contacts with the ground the nose landing gear failed. The top of the strut came up through the cowling and caused the windscreen to shatter.