

# Piper PA-28-161, G-BPJO, 5 May 1996

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:**Piper PA-28-161, G-BPJO

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

**Year of Manufacture:**1988

**Date & Time (UTC):**5 May 1996 at 1300 hrs

**Location:**Wellesbourne Mountford Airport

**Type of Flight:**Private (Training)

**Persons on Board:**Crew - 1 Passengers - None

**Injuries:**Crew - None Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:**

**Commander's Licence:**Student pilot

**Commander's Age:**21 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:**40 hours (of which 40 were on type)

Last 90 days - 8 hours

Last 28 days - 2 hour

**Information Source:**Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was about to depart for a qualifying cross country flight. Whilst taxiing for take-off, he took a wrong turning in the area of disused Runway 05 at the south western corner of the airfield. During a turn, the pilot allowed the left wing and then the propeller to strike a stationary fuel bowser, which is parked there for helicopter refuelling. His instructor considers that the pilot misjudged the width of the aircraft.