

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28-140 Cherokee, G-BCJN	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-E3D piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1974	
Date & Time (UTC):	5 November 2009 at 1600 hrs	
Location:	Bristol International Airport	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Both propeller tips, nose gear axle and torque link bumper block damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Student	
Commander's Age:	48 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	38 hours (of which 33 were on type) Last 90 days - 36 hours Last 28 days - 21 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The student pilot returned to land at his home airfield following a first solo navigation exercise. He reported that his airspeed on final approach to the runway was too high, resulting in the aircraft bouncing first on the main landing gear, then onto the nose gear. The pilot initiated a go-around and completed a circuit before attempting a second approach. This time the approach was low and fast, resulting in several bounces before the pilot again rejected the landing. At this point his instructor telephoned the air traffic controller and relayed advice

to the student. A third attempt was also rejected after a fast approach and bounced landing. At the request of the instructor, air traffic control then provided continuous instruction to the pilot, who managed to land safely. The aircraft had suffered structural damage as a result of the sequence of bounced landings, but the pilot was uninjured. It was unlikely that the damage incurred had any significant effect on the aircraft's performance during the repeated go-arounds.