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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-32-360, G-ATTY

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-540-E4B5 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1966

Date and Time (UTC): 16 April 1989 at 1331 hrs

Location: Glenforsa Airfield, Mull, Scotland

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - 5

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to left wing and left main gear fairing.

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings

Commander's Age: 39 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 281 hours (of which 8 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

A take-off was planned from runway 08 which had a wet, soft, grass surface. As he had experienced a problem on landing, the pilot walked along the runway to assess its condition. It was decided that the righthand side was the firmer. At about 55 to 60 mph, on the take-off run, the aircraft swung violently to the left and ran off the runway. The pilot considered that the boundary fence was too close to allow him to stop or to take corrective action, so he elected to continue the take-off. The left wing struck and broke four of the fence posts but the aircraft stayed airborne and the flight was continued to the planned destination, Edinburgh, where it landed without further incident.