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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-32-260 G-ATRX

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

Year of Manufacture: 1966

Date and Time (UTC): 7 February 1988 at 1620 hrs

Location: Elstree Airport, Herts

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to landing gear and propeller

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

Commander's Age: 33 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 137 hours (of which 8 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot on 1 March 1988

After landing on runway 26, in wind conditions that were described as light and variable, the pilot failed to maintain directional control. As a result the aircraft suffered a partial ground loop to the left, coming to rest on the grass approximately 20 metres off the runway edge, at a position two thirds of the way along its length.