

Piper PA-28-140, G-BBDC

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-140, G-BBDC

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming 0.320-E2A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1973

Date & Time (UTC): 16 August 1999 at 1137 hrs

Location: Rochester Airport, Kent

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nosewheel torque link and engine mounting frame

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 49 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 95 hours (of which 10 were on type)
Last 90 days - 13 hours
Last 28 days - 5 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After a flight from Andrewsfield, the pilot contacted 'Rochester Information' for airfield details. He was advised that the surface wind was north westerly at 5 kt or less and was offered Runway 34 for landing. The visibility was good with no cloud below 2,500 feet agl. As he entered the downwind leg, the pilot was advised that the surface wind had backed and that Runway 20 was available. The pilot declined this suggestion and continued his approach to Runway 34. He considered that his final approach was slightly high but within limits. On landing, the aircraft bounced and the pilot acknowledged that his corrective actions were slow resulting in the nosewheel contacting the runway hard on the subsequent touchdown.