

Piper PA-38-112, G-BPER, 30 August 1997

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-38-112, G-BPER
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1982
Date & Time (UTC):	30 August 1996 at 0940 hrs
Location:	Mid-Wales Airport, Welshpool, Wales
Type of Flight:	Private (Training)
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Bent nose gear, propeller and engine cowling
Commander's Licence:	Student Pilot
Commander's Age:	32 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	14 hours (all on type of which 1.1 were solo) Last 90 days - 14 hours Last 28 days - 14 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was practising circuit flying. During a landing the aircraft bounced on to its nose gear which collapsed causing secondary damage to the propeller and engine cowling. The aircraft left the runway and came to rest on the grass.

Assisted by her instructor the pilot reported the incident and completed the relevant forms on 30 August 1996. The AAIB were not notified of the accident at that time and copies of relevant forms were not sent to the AAIB or the CAA by the aircraft operator. Consequently, one year later, the pilot's recollection of events was much diminished.