

# Piper PA-25-235, G-ASLK, 4 June 1996

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## INCIDENT

**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-25-235, G-ASLK

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-540-B2C5

**Year of Manufacture:** 1963

**Date & Time (UTC):** 4 June 1996 at 1530 hrs

**Location:** Nympsfield Airfield, Nr Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Approximately 12 inches broken off all four propeller blades

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 25 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 166 hours (of which 11 were on type)

Last 90 days - 41 hours

Last 28 days - 24 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was engaged in glider towing. Preparing for take-off, the pilot had applied full power when the launch point radioed "Stop, Stop, Stop". This was because the towed glider had over-run the tow rope. The pilot applied the brakes but, having braked before reducing the engine power, the aircraft tipped onto its nose causing the damage to the propeller. The aircraft settled back into a normal position and the pilot rapidly shutdown the engine which had continued to run after the propeller strike.