

## Piper PA-28-140, G-BCJM

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

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-320-E3D piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1974

**Date & Time (UTC):** 18 December 1998 at 1450 hrs

**Location:** Manchester Airport

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Substantial to nose landing gear, propeller and engine bearers

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

**Commander's Age:** 53 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 157 hours (of which 26 were on type)

Last 90 days - 2 hours

Last 28 days - 2 hours

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

The pilot stated that on landing on Runway 24 with a surface wind of 170°/10 kt, the aircraft touched down on the mainwheels and then pitched forward onto the nosewheel. The aircraft was then taxied to the parking area where the damage was discovered.

The pilot considered that the accident may have been caused by a stall during the flare due to turbulence. An engineering examination of the aircraft indicated that the aircraft had contacted the runway in a nose down attitude.