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Aircraft Type and Registration: Beech 76 Duchess, G-WACI

No & Type of Engines: 2 Lycoming O-360-A1G6D piston engines

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date & Time (UTC): 31 January 1994 at 1500 hrs

Location: Wycombe Air Park, Buckinghamshire

Type of Flight: Private (Training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to both propellers, nosecone, forward lower skin and nose landing gear doors

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence with Flying Instructor Rating

Commander's Age: 44 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 3,997 hours (of which 750 were on type)
Last 90 days - 94 hours
Last 28 days - 25 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

During a training detail, an approach was made to Runway 25 for a touch-and-go landing; the weather was good. After landing, the student retracted the flaps, applied full power and selected the gear up. The instructor selected the gear down but the nosewheel retracted and the aircraft settled onto its nose and came to a stop.