

Piper PA-28-161, G-FLAV

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-161, G-FLAV

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date & Time (UTC): 24 April 1999 at 1528 hrs

Location: Derby Airfield

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Minor to wing tip, propeller and engine cowling

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 49 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 291 hours (of which 219 were on type)
Last 90 days - 4 hours
Last 28 days - 3 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was on a cross country flight from Nottingham Airport to Derby Airfield. The approach was made to grass Runway 35 which has trees growing underneath the approach path. There is a displaced threshold giving a landing distance available of 540 metres. The wind was reported as 300°/2 kt. In order to ensure that he would clear the trees the pilot made a high approach which resulted in a late touchdown and subsequent overrun of the runway. The pilot turned the aircraft to the right at the end of the runway but was unable to prevent the aircraft from contacting the hedge.