

**No: 3/87**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Piper PA-28-181 G-REXS

**No & Type of engines:** 1 Lycoming O-360-A4M piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1979

**Date and time (UTC):** 7 December 1986 at 1130 hrs

**Location:** Alderney Airport, Channel Islands

**Type of flight:** Training

**Persons on board:** Crew — 1                      Passengers — 2

**Injuries:** Crew — None                      Passengers — None

**Nature of damage:** Minor to right wing, wheel fairing and flap

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

**Commander's Age:** 24 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 53 hours (of which 7½ were on type)

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

The pilot made an approach to runway 26 with a reported wind of 200°/18 knots. On short final, a strong gust displaced the aircraft from the runway centre-line and the pilot elected to go-around. On the second approach using full flap and a speed of 65 knots, the aircraft sank rapidly when close to the ground and the pilot applied full power while raising the nose. As the pitch angle increased, the aircraft continued to descend and yawed to the left. The aircraft landed on the grass to the left of the runway heading for a fence. The pilot closed the throttle and steered to the right away from the fence. During the ground roll, the right wing struck the Visual Approach Slope Indicators to the left of runway 26. The pilot shut-down and vacated the aircraft as the emergency services arrived.