

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28-161 Cherokee Warrior II, G-BSLK	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1979	
Date & Time (UTC):	29 August 2009 at 1013 hrs	
Location:	Sandown Airport, Isle of Wight	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Nose leg and engine mounting bracket bent, scuff marks to the propeller tips	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	55 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	143 hours (of which 63 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 6 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Following an uneventful flight from Wellesbourne Mountford the pilot made an overhead join for a right-hand circuit to Runway 23 at Sandown Airport. The reported wind was 200° at 10 kt. On late final the pilot considered that he was too high and so decided to go around. He considered that his second approach appeared to have been normal. However, the aircraft touched down heavily and sooner than the pilot was expecting, before it bounced back into the air. The pilot

decided to go around again. He flew a low-level circuit and landed without further incident, after which damage to the nose leg, engine mounting brackets and scuff marks on the propeller tips were found. The pilot considered that the heavy landing and subsequent bounce may have been due either to a misjudgement in height resulting in a late flare or that he had allowed the airspeed to reduce too much.