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**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Piper PA-28-161, G-BPMR	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1984	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	5 April 2007 at 1200 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Enstone Aerodrome, Oxfordshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 2
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Left wing damaged	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	64 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	254 hours (of which 92 were on type) Last 90 days - 3 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

**Synopsis**

Whilst backtracking toward the parking area, following an uneventful landing on the asphalt Runway 26, the pilot became distracted by a landing aircraft on the grass Runway 26. He allowed his aircraft to drift to the left and strike a fence, causing damage to the left wing leading edge.

To the north of the asphalt Runway 26, and running in the same direction as the runway, was a six-foot fence consisting of posts with wire strands suspended between them. The fence segregated a northside grass strip used by a maintenance facility, which was a separate operation from that of the aerodrome.

**History of the flight**

The flight to Enstone from Gloucester was uneventful, as was the landing on the asphalt Runway 26. To reach the parking area the pilot had to backtrack. As there were other aircraft operating in the area and an aircraft was about to land on the grass Runway 26, to the south, the pilot decided to backtrack beside, and to the north of, the marked runway area.

The aircraft was backtracked between the fence line, to the pilot's left, and the northern edge of the asphalt Runway 26, to the pilot's right. Whilst taxiing, the pilot became distracted by the aircraft landing to his right on the grass Runway 26. His aircraft then drifted to the left after which the left wingtip struck one of the fence posts and the aircraft swung further to the left, causing the left wing to contact several additional fence posts.

The aircraft subsequently came to a halt and the pilot and the passengers exited the aircraft normally and were uninjured.