

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28R-200, N9325N	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming IO-360-C1C piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1969	
Date & Time (UTC):	2 March 2013 at 1710 hrs	
Location:	Sibson Aerodrome, Cambridgeshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Nose landing gear damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	51 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	275 hours (of which 28 were on type) Last 90 days - 37 hours Last 28 days - 28 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was being flown from Biggin Hill to Sibson as part of a multiple-leg flight from its home base near Cambridge. The weather was fine, with a calm or very light surface wind. The pilot flew a normal approach to Runway 15 at Sibson but made a heavy landing, resulting

in the nose landing gear collapsing. There had been no unusual landing gear indications or warnings prior to the accident. The pilot attributed the hard landing to handling error.