

Piper PA-34-200T Seneca II, N39605

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-34-200T Seneca II, N39605	
No & Type of Engines:	2 Continental TSI0-360E piston engines	
Year of Manufacture:	1978	
Date & Time (UTC):	17 June 2003 at 1115 hrs	
Location:	Redhill Aerodrome, Surrey	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Substantial damage to right hand propeller. Engine shock loaded. Wrinkling of skins on underside of both wings and lower sides of forward fuselage, damage to forward bulkhead and nose-leg	
Commander's Licence:	FAA Commercial Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	52 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	6,371 hours (of which 17 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 4 hours	
	Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot, occurrence report supplied by ATC, telephone conversations with local licensed engineer and with repair agency	

The pilot reported that he flew a visual circuit and a normal approach. He checked that the gear and flaps were down. On landing, the aircraft ballooned and the pilot failed to recover the situation before the aircraft again descended onto the surface in a nose and right wing down attitude. The right propeller struck the runway.

The runway has a grass surface and the pilot reported that there was a slight up-slope at the place where the aircraft initially touched down.

The air traffic control officer on duty observed that the aircraft had bounced heavily several times on landing.