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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-38-112 Tomahawk, G-BNIM

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1978

Date & Time (UTC): 26 March 1993 at 1635 hrs

Location: Wellesbourne Mountford Airfield, Warwickshire

Type of Flight: Private (training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Cracked nose leg, distortion of engine mounting tubes, and damage to rear bulkhead wing fittings

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 50 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 19 hours (all on type)
Last 90 days - 19 hours
Last 28 days - 17 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was carrying his second solo flight, which consisted of circuit training on Runway 23 at Wellesbourne Mountford, with a surface wind reported as 240°/8 kt. After four or five successful circuits with touch-and-go landings, the aircraft was approaching for a final full stop landing. The student reported that as a result of a late round out, the nose wheel touched down first, causing a bounce, and the aircraft touched down finally on the main landing gear. The student did not appreciate that any damage had been caused at this time, and taxied the aircraft back to the parking area.