

Piper PA-22-160, G-ARDV

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-22-160, G-ARDV

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-B2B piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1960

Date & Time (UTC): 10 July 1998 at 1930 hrs

Location: Ballymena, Northern Ireland

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Propeller and nosewheel

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 34 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 70 hours (of which 19 were on type)
Last 90 days - 8 hours
Last 28 days - 5 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was landing at his private strip for the first time in zero wind conditions. The available landing run was 650 metres of short grass which was wet at the time. The aircraft touched down 100 metres into the strip and the pilot then allowed the aircraft to roll for a further 200 metres before applying light braking. As the pilot increased the brake pressure, the wheels began to skid and the aircraft ran into soft ground at the end of the field where it tipped onto its nose at low speed.

The pilot attributed the cause of the accident to his late application of the brakes having landed further down the strip than he had intended.