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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-28R-201T, G-BNVT

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Continental TSIO-360-FB1 piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1977

**Date and Time (UTC):** 6 July 1990 at 1640 hrs

**Location:** Glasgow Airport, Strathclyde

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Minor damage to the underside of the aircraft and engine shock loaded

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence with Night rating

**Commander's Age:** 46 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 130 hours (of which 14 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and telephone inquiries by AAIB

On the base leg of a visual circuit to land with the landing gear still retracted, the pilot realised he was high on the approach and reduced power. While completing the finals check, which included lowering the landing gear, the pilot saw that he was still too high and closed the throttle. After completion of his checks, the pilot noticed a flashing red light on the instrument panel which he took to be the low voltage warning. The aircraft was observed by a witness to make the final part of its approach with the landing gear retracted. A subsequent wheels-up landing was carried out and the pilot evacuated the aircraft uninjured. On leaving the aircraft, the pilot states that he observed that the landing gear selector was in the down position. The automatic landing gear extender system was de-activated and subsequent engineering examination failed to find any fault that could have contributed to the accident.