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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-38-112, G-BNKW	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-B2C piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1978	
Date and Time (UTC):	29 March 1990 at 1110 hrs	
Location:	Tatenhill airfield, Staffordshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Both wing fuel tanks penetrated by barbed wire fence	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence with IMC rating	
Commander's Age:	46 years	
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	306 hours (of which 125 were on type)	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and AAIB telephone enquiries.	

The aircraft was returning to Tatenhill, where the wind was 250°/5 kt and the tarmac runway 26 was in use. The final approach flown was standard except that the flare was carried out in a slightly nose high attitude and the left mainwheel contacted the runway first. It is stated by the pilot that this was not a heavy landing but, on initial contact, the aircraft veered sharply to the left which the application of full right rudder and increased power was unable to correct. The aircraft passed through a barbed wire fence, bordering the runway, and came to rest in the adjacent field and both occupants vacated the aircraft without injury.

Although fuel was discharging from both wing tanks, there was no fire. No evidence has been found to suggest that the aircraft was other than serviceable at the time of the accident.