

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Piper PA-28-140 Cherokee, G-BFBF	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming O-320-E3D piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1973	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	19 December 1992 at 1235 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Newtownards Airfield, Northern Ireland	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Substantial to nose landing gear, propeller and lower engine cowling	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	25 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	53 hours (of which 32 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Prior to the accident the pilot had flown a 30 minute check flight, completing five visual circuits, with the club CFI. The weather at the time was CAVOK with calm wind conditions.

After his check flight, the pilot, now accompanied by a passenger, elected to continue flying visual circuits. His first three landings were made without incident, however, on the fourth approach he flared too late touching down firmly and at too high an airspeed. The aircraft bounced and, due to incorrect actions from the pilot, landed a second time nose wheel first shearing the nose landing gear. The aircraft slid to a halt and the pilot and passenger, who were both wearing lap and diagonal seat belts, vacated the aircraft without injury.

The pilot reported that the accident was caused when, instead of applying power and executing a go-around after the first bounce, he checked forward causing the aircraft to adopt an incorrect nose down attitude on the second touchdown.