

# Piper PA-28-161, G-BPWA

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<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Piper PA-28-161, G-BPWA
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1978
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	23 July 1997 at 1343 hrs
<b>Location:</b>	Chichester Airfield, Goodwood, W Sussex
<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>	Extensive fire damage to engine and ancillary equipment
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	59 years
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	605 hours (of which 30 were on type) Last 90 days - 14 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft's engine stopped during the landing run at the completion of a visual circuit. The pilot attempted to restart the engine on the runway and, after what has been variously described as a very short or a rather long attempt at a restart, the engine caught fire. The maintenance unit subsequently attributed the fire to excess fuel pouring onto the hot surfaces in the cowling as a result of the engine flooding during the unsuccessful start attempt.