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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-140, G-NHRH

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-E2A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1967

Date and Time (UTC): 12 April 1989 at 1750 hrs

Location: Kirkbride Airfield, Cumbria

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Substantial to left mainplane

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 39 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 209 hours (of which 197 were on type)

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

The pilot completed a standard overhead join for runway 28 at Kirkbride which is an unlicensed airfield with no radio facilities. As the airfield is well used, it was not considered necessary to make a low pass down the runway particularly as it is fenced on both sides for the majority of its length. Following a normal circuit and landing, the aircraft was approaching an intersection with a disused runway when a tractor entered the runway from the left. Despite application of full right rudder and brake, a collision could not be avoided. Neither occupant was injured and there was no fire. The tractor involved was a new model capable of high cross-country speeds and at the time of the overhead rejoin was two fields away from the airfield.