

Piper PA-28R-201T, G-OOTC

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

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

Year of Manufacture: 1977

Date & Time (UTC): 26 May 1998 at 1750 hrs

Location: Andrewsfield Airfield, Essex

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 - Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damaged beyond economic repair

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 44 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 69 hours (of which 13 were on type)
Last 90 days - 10 hours
Last 28 days - 9 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The grass Runway 27L at Andrewsfield is 799 metres long and the surface was wet from recent rain. The surface wind was 180°/5 kt. The aircraft, which had left Jersey at about 1430 hrs, joined overhead and descended to 700 feet agl to join the right hand circuit. The first approach was too high and the pilot carried out a go-around.

On the second approach the aircraft crossed the threshold at about 50 feet agl and 75 kt IAS. It floated and eventually touched down about 300 metres before the end of the runway. Gentle braking was applied but the aircraft skidded to the left and the pilot was unable to prevent it overrunning the runway and, impacting a small bank before crossing a road and coming to rest in an adjacent field. The aircraft was shutdown and both occupants, who were wearing lap and diagonal upper torso restraint, escaped without injury.

