

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Piper PA-34-200T Seneca II, G-GUYS	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	2 Continental Motors Corp LTSIO-360-EB piston engines	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1978	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	16 March 2010 at 1815 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Sturgate Airfield, Lincolnshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Both propellers, underside of fuselage and left wing	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	65 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	1,806 hours (of which 1,300 were on type) Last 90 days - 19 hours Last 28 days - 7 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was taking off on a short flight to Gamston airfield. At about the point of rotation the pilot stated that all three landing gears started to retract and the aircraft settled onto its belly. After coming to a halt, the pilot evacuated the aircraft and noticed a small fire had developed under the left wing trailing edge. This was extinguished by the airfield fire service who rapidly deployed to the scene.

Examination of the aircraft showed that all three landing gears were up and locked, with no scuffing apparent on the doors or tyres. The damage to the propeller tips was consistent with them striking the runway under low power. The pilot stated that he either accidentally caught the landing gear selector or there had been "a mechanical problem". No electrical or mechanical defects were found after investigation.