

Piper PA-38-112 Tomahawk, G-BOBL

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-38-112 Tomahawk, G-BOBL
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-12C piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1981
Date & Time (UTC):	2 August 1996 at 1515 hrs
Location:	Staverton Airfield, Gloucestershire
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Nose landing gear collapsed, propeller bent and engine shock loaded
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	47 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	277 hours (270 hours on type) Last 90 days - 10 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and telephone enquiries by AAIB

The weather was excellent with an indicated surface wind of 280°/08kt. The pilot positioned the aircraft for a landing on Runway 27 at Staverton. After a normal approach the landing was heavy and the nose gear collapsed, this caused subsequent damage to both the propeller and the engine. When the aircraft came to a halt the pilot, who had been wearing a lap and diagonal harness assembly, vacated the aircraft via the normal exit having suffered no injuries.