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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-30, G-AVVI

No & Type of Engines: 2 Lycoming IO-320-B1A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1967

Date & Time (UTC): 7 April 1991 at 1100 hrs

Location: Shipdham Airfield, Thetford, Norfolk

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to the propellers and fuselage underside

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC rating

Commander's Age: 67 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 1,626 hours (of which 28 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The purpose of the flight was mutual continuation training of two qualified pilots. The pilot in the right seat was landing and, following mutual agreement to make the landing a 'touch-and-go', power was applied and the aircraft accelerated. As the airspeed increased to about 80 kt, the nominated aircraft commander in the left seat, believing the aircraft to be airborne and without reference to the handling pilot, selected the landing gear up.

The aircraft settled onto its propellers and, following a skid along the runway centreline, veered to the right where it came to rest at the edge of the runway. Both pilots left the aircraft without further incident.