

No: 2/83

Ref: EW/G83/01/07

Aircraft: PA 23 G-BADJ

Year of Manufacture: 1972

Date and time (GMT): 18 January 1983 at 1635 hrs

Location: Rochester Airfield

Type of flight: Business

Persons on board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 5

Injuries: Crew - Nil Passengers - Nil

Nature of damage: Starboard propeller bent

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 52 years

Commander's total flying experience: 8622 hours (of which 2000 hours were on type)

During the approach to runway 21 the wind was reported as 260 degrees 10 kts, well within the flight manual limit of 20 kts. cross wind. Whilst in the flare a strong gust caught the aircraft and although the pilot applied full aileron he was unable to prevent the starboard propeller touching the ground. ATC later reported the gust to be 300 degrees 30 kts.