

## Piper PA-23-250, G-KEYS

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-23-250, G-KEYS

**No & Type of Engines:** 2 Lycoming IO-540-C4B5 piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1978

**Date & Time (UTC):** 7 August 1999 at 1135 hrs

**Location:** Isle of Man Airport

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 - Passengers - 3

**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Both blades of left propeller chipped and distorted

**Commander's Licence:** Commercial Pilot's Licence with Instrument Rating

**Commander's Age:** 65 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 7,850 hours (of which 3,000 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 92 hours  
Last 28 days - 25 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

A baggage trolley which had been used to assist in loading the aircraft had been left in the left nose area. When the pilot started the left engine the propeller struck the baggage trolley. The aircraft was immediately shut down and pilot and passenger exited the aircraft by the normal door. The trolley was not visible from the cockpit.