

Piper PA-38-112, G-BGSI

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-38-112, G-BGSI

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date & Time (UTC): 16 December 2000 at 1304 hrs

Location: Sleaf Aerodrome, Shropshire

Type of Flight: Private (Training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to nose landing gear, propeller, spinner and right wing tip

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 47 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 34 hours (all on type)
Last 90 days - 4 hours
Last 28 days - 1 hour

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student was carrying out the second landing of a solo circuit detail on Runway 23 at Sleaf. The surface wind was from 210° at 5 kt. After touchdown, the power was re-applied for a touch and go. Directional control was not maintained and the aircraft veered off to the left of the runway onto the grass. As the aircraft entered a ploughed area, the nose landing gear collapsed. The aircraft came to rest upright, there was no fire and the pilot vacated the aircraft by the normal means.

The pilot assessed that he had not applied sufficient right rudder during the application of power.