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<b>Aircraft type and registration:</b>	Piper PA-18-150 G-BEUA (light single engine aircraft)	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1964	
<b>Date and time (GMT):</b>	9 July 1984 at 2105 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Dunstable, Bedfordshire	
<b>Type of flight:</b>	Glider aerotowing	
<b>Persons on board:</b>	Crew — 1	Passengers — Nil
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew — Nil	Passengers — N/A
<b>Nature of damage:</b>	Undercarriage damaged	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	44 years	
<b>Commander's total flying experience:</b>	1080 hours (of which 300 hours were on type)	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Accident Report Pro-forma completed by the pilot and information from an engineering organisation.	

Following a glider aerotow a normal approach and landing was made. During the ground roll the left undercarriage collapsed causing the left wing tip to touch the ground and the aircraft to ground loop through 180 degrees. Subsequent examination showed that the left undercarriage bungee attachment strut had failed at its point of attachment to the wheel back plate.