

**No: 9/86**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Piper PA 23-250 G-AZSZ

**No & Type of engines:** 2 Lycoming 10-540-C4B5 piston engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 1969

**Date and time (UTC):** 14 August 1986 at 1914 hrs

**Location:** Liverpool Airport

**Type of flight:** Training (conversion)

**Persons on board:** Crew — 2                      Passengers — 1

**Injuries:** Crew — None                      Passengers — None

**Nature of damage:** Propeller and landing gear doors were bent, as were the flaps and the entrance step

**Commander's Licence:** Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 32 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 4300 hours (of which 400 were on type)

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

The aircraft was on the latter stages of a simulated asymmetric approach. As the throttles were closed a period of turbulence was encountered which the pilot believes was responsible for a rapid loss of airspeed. At the same time the gear warning horn sounded.

The instructor took control of the aircraft and selected full power on both engines but the aircraft rolled rapidly to the left and the nose dropped. Being unable to control the aircraft, the pilot closed the throttles, levelled the wings and made a wheels-up landing down the runway centreline.

There was no fire and all three occupants evacuated the aircraft safely.