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

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

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date & Time (UTC): 14 July 1994 at 1420 hrs

Location: Teesside Airport, Darlington

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial to nose landing gear and propeller

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 42 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 27 hours (all on type)
Last 90 days - 15 hours
Last 28 days - 5 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was on his fourth solo flight and was practising circuits and landings. On his first approach, he was directed to go-around due to a slower aircraft ahead of him. The second approach resulted in a bounced landing and go-around after following a DC-9 on the approach, then on his third circuit he was required to orbit downwind due to traffic conflicts. On his final approach, the pilot reports that his speed was high and he again bounced on landing causing damage to the nose landing gear and propeller. The Chief Flying Instructor reported that the student had told him that, following the problems during the previous three circuits, he had had a strong urge to land the aircraft and get out.