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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-180, G-GALA

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-360-A4A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1970

Date and Time (UTC): 15 June 1990 at 1550 hrs

Location: Clacton, Essex

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Extensive damage to landing gear, right wing and propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 49 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 302 hours (of which approximately 100 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was carrying out a full flap landing in light wind conditions on a grass runway. The runway length was 610 metres, of which 502 metres were declared as the landing distance available. A road bordered by hedges crossed the extended runway centreline at the airfield boundary. The aircraft touched down late and, fearing that he might not be able to stop in the absence of headwind, the pilot attempted to raise the flaps and go around. The landing gear caught the first hedge and the aircraft collided with the second hedge before coming to rest some 30 to 40 metres beyond the road.