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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-34-200-2, G-BBLU

**No & Type of Engines:** 2 Lycoming IO-360 piston engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 1973

**Date and Time (UTC):** 4 July 1989 at 1942 hrs

**Location:** Manchester Airport

**Type of Flight:** Business

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - 2

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Nose cone split and both propellers bent

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 54 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 985 hours (of which 45 were on type)

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

The pilot reports that the landing gear was lowered at 1000 ft whilst on base leg, the gear lowered without hesitation and three greens were observed by all three occupants. The landing was normal, but after approximately 80 yards of the landing run, the nose of the aircraft dropped and the aircraft skidded a further 70 yards, veering slightly to the left. On vacating the aircraft it was noted that the nose wheel had collapsed, but the main wheels were still locked down.

The maintenance organisation carrying out the repairs state that despite a comprehensive check of the landing gear system, no faults were found.