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Aircraft type and registration:	Piper PA-38-112 Tomahawk G-TOMS (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)	
Year of manufacture:	1979	
Date and time (GMT):	19 August 1983 at 0835 hrs	
Location:	Guernsey Airport, Channel Islands	
Type of flight:	Instructional	
Persons on board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - nil
Injuries :	Crew - nil	Passengers - n/a
Nature of damage:	Minor to left undercarriage and brake unit; some distortion of left wing and engine mounting	
Commander's Licence :	Private Pilot's Licence with Assistant Instructor Rating	
Commander's Age:	41 years	
Commander's total flying experience:	400 hours (of which 150 hours are on type)	

The aircraft took off on runway 09, employing a short field take-off technique. At 100 feet aal - above aerodrome level the instructor closed the throttle, and the student adjusted the aircraft's attitude for a landing straight ahead. During the subsequent flare, the nose was over rotated, and a high sink rate developed, resulting in a heavy landing.