

No: 8/84

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Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA28-140 'Cherokee' G-AXIO (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1969

Date and time (GMT): 20 June 1984 at 1110 hrs

Location: Compton Abbas Aerodrome, Dorset

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — Nil

Nature of damage: Damage to nosewheel, nose landing gear, and to engine bearers

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 28 years

Commander's total flying experience: 92 hours (of which 7 hours were on type)

Information Source: Accident Report Pro Forma completed by pilot

After a flight from White Waltham, the pilot made an approach to Runway 08 at Compton Abbas. The wind was described as variable at 10 kt, but giving a slight tailwind component. The approach speed was too high and, as a result, the aircraft ballooned and then descended with a high sink rate. Although the pilot tried to correct this with an application of power the aircraft made a heavy landing. It then porpoised down the runway before swinging to the left and coming to rest in rough ground beside the runway.