

Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-181 Cherokee Archer II, G-BOOF

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-360-A4M piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1978

Date & Time (UTC): 4 May 1995 at 1200 hrs

Location: Norwich Airport, Norfolk

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Burst nosewheel tyre and damage to nose gear assembly

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 45 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 88 hours (of which 17 were on type)
Last 90 days - 18 hours
Last 28 days - 11 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After a cross-country flight, the pilot made his approach to Runway 27; the surface wind was light and variable and the visibility was 6 km in haze. On landing, the nosewheel touched down first and this caused the aircraft to balloon. The pilot attempted to control the subsequent aircraft manoeuvres but G-BOOF bounced twice before eventually coming to rest just off the end of the runway. In his report, the pilot acknowledged that he did not initially round out sufficiently and then, following the first bounce he should have carried out an immediate go-around.