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Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA 28-180E G-AYAR (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1970

Date and time (GMT): 9 May 1985 at 1500 hrs

Location: Popham Aerodrome

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 2

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Outer section of left wing detached outboard of fuel tank. Right undercarriage leg detached.

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 33 years

Commander's total flying experience: 95 hours (of which 76 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by pilot.

The pilot made a practice approach to runway 26 in order to view the approach obstructions and then flew a circuit with the intention of landing. When on approach he was informed by radio of a runway change and so carried out a go-around and then approached for runway 08.

The pilot carried out the approach to runway 08 with full flap selected and crossed the threshold below 80 kt and touched down below 60 kt. Following a ground run of about 100 yards the aircraft became airborne again after hitting a bump and was relanded. After a further 75 yards it became airborne again, this time the pilot landed with the control column fully back and after touch down the aircraft swung to the left. The left wing struck trees and a bank on the airfield perimeter, the outer wing section was torn off and the right undercarriage leg collapsed.

The pilot has commented that although the wind was reported as northerly 3—4 kt and the windsock at the threshold was hanging limply, he noticed that there was a stronger crosswind at the area where the aircraft came to rest.