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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-38-112 Tomahawk, G-BRNJ

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date & Time (UTC): 26 August 1991 at 1355 hrs

Location: Gloucestershire Airport, Staverton

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to the left wing tip and aileron and bent engine mount

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 35 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 15 hours (all on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot had just completed a dual flight with his instructor and had been cleared for a solo detail. He flew two circuits and made two satisfactory landings, however, on the third approach he flared too high and held the aircraft off from touching down. The aircraft stalled the result of which was that the left wing dropped and the plane landed heavily. The student pilot managed to regain control of the aircraft and was able to taxi it back to the apron.

The pilot did not suffer any injury but the left wing tip and the left aileron received minor damage and the engine mount was bent.