

Piper PA-28-161, G-BOZI

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28-161, G-BOZI	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1981	
Date & Time (UTC):	30 June 2002 at 1720 hrs	
Location:	Peterborough (Conington) Airport	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Left wing, main and nose landing gear, fuselage underside, propeller, engine shockloaded	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilots Licence	
Commander's Age:	47 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	260 hours (of which 145 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 7 hours	
	Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and further enquiries by the AAIB	

The aircraft was returning to Conington Airport following a two hour pleasure flight. The wind at the airfield was reported to be from 230° at 15 kt gusting to 30 kt. The pilot established the aircraft on an approach to Runway 28 at 75 KIAS with the flaps set to 30°. He recalled being slightly right of the centreline as he reduced power during the landing flare. After he had reduced the power to idle, the aircraft rose up to a height of approximately 10 feet. The stall warning activated and then the nose and the left wing dropped suddenly. On touchdown both the left main and nose landing gears buckled resulting in the propeller hitting the runway.

The pilot attributed the cause of the accident to a combination of strong wind, slight "over flare" and a momentary lapse in concentration.