

## Piper PA-28-161, G-OCTU

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-28-161, G-OCTU

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1989

**Date & Time (UTC):** 15 August 1998 at 1710 hrs

**Location:** Denham Aerodrome, Middlesex

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Substantial to nose landing gear and propeller

**Commander's Licence:** Student

**Commander's Age:** 66 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 98 hours (of which 78 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 0 hours  
Last 28 days - 0 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

On the third approach of a circuit consolidation exercise in light wind conditions, the air speed was a little fast as the student pilot flared the aircraft for landing and it began to climb. The pilot pushed the control column forward and the nosewheel contacted the runway. The aircraft bounced twice and, on the second bounce, the nose landing gear collapsed.

The student pilot considered that the cause of the accident was his failure to go-around from a poor landing.