

Piper PA-28-180 Cherokee, G-OIBO, 2 September 2002

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28-180 Cherokee, G-OIBO	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-360-A4A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1966	
Date & Time (UTC):	2 September 2002 at 1715 hrs	
Location:	Wellesbourne Mountford Airport	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Bent propeller tips	
Commander's Licence:	Student Pilot	
Commander's Age:	32 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	13 hours (all on type)	
	Last 90 days	9 hours
	Last 28 days	5 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The student pilot was undertaking his first solo flight in good weather conditions with a very light wind. After a normal approach the aircraft bounced on touchdown. The pilot kept the power at idle and eased the nose of the aircraft down in an effort to recover. However, this resulted in the propeller striking the runway on the subsequent landing, damaging the propeller tips. The pilot taxied the aircraft back to the parking area before shutting down.

The student pilot had been taught the appropriate bounce recovery technique during his training.