

Piper PA-28-140, G-BRPL, 17 September 1997

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28-140, G-BRPL
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-E3D piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1972
Date & Time (UTC):	17 September 1997 at 1204 hrs
Location:	Caernarfon Airport, Wales
Type of Flight:	Private (Training)
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Extensive damage to propeller, engine and nosewheel
Commander's Licence:	Student
Commander's Age:	21 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	82 hours (of which 12 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot had flown from Liverpool to Caernarfon where the meteorological conditions were good with no significant weather or cloud and a light easterly surface wind. Runway 08 was in use which has an available landing distance of 885 metres on an asphalt surface. The pilot joined on left base but when he turned onto finals he realised that he was too high; he closed the throttle, selected full flap and then lowered the nose in an attempt to regain the correct vertical profile. When he commenced the flare he realised that the aircraft was flying too fast, it bounced from the first landing and then landed on the nosewheel which collapsed allowing the propeller to strike the runway surface. The aircraft slid to a halt on the runway, the airfield fire and rescue services were quickly on the scene. The pilot, who had been wearing a lap and diagonal harness, vacated the aircraft without injury.