

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-25-235 Pawnee, G-BFPR	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-540-G1A5 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1978	
Date & Time (UTC):	31 January 2009 at 1215 hrs	
Location:	Bicester Airfield, Bicester, Oxfordshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to landing gear	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	63 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,106 hours (of which 225 were on type) Last 90 days - 12 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

The pilot reported that, during the approach to the grass Runway 13, he experienced an unusual increase in his rate of descent which resulted in a heavier than normal landing. During the ground roll he noticed that the right

wing was lower than the left. This was caused by a bungee failure of the right main landing gear leg. The wind at the time of the accident was from 110° at 15 kt.