

Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA38-112 Tomahawk G-BJYO (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1979

Date and time (GMT): 31 May 1984 at 1700 hrs

Location: Panshanger Aerodrome

Type of flight: Training

Persons on board: Crew – 1 Passengers – Nil

Injuries: Crew – Nil Passengers – N/A

Nature of damage: Aircraft damaged beyond economic repair

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 30 years

Commander's total flying experience: 18 hours (all on type)

Information Source: Accident Report Pro Forma completed by Pilot

The aircraft was engaged in a solo circuit training detail with a student pilot at the controls. After touch-down from a normal approach the aircraft hit a bump and became airborne again. The pilot applied full power and initiated an overshoot but the aircraft was pointing nose down and was driven back onto the runway and bounced back into the air again. The pilot decided to abort the overshoot and reduced power to idle. When the aircraft again made contact with the runway the nose gear collapsed and the propeller dug into the ground causing the aircraft to somersault onto its back. The pilot was released from the cabin by helpers on the ground including the fire crew.