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Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA-34-200-2 G-EXEC

No & Type of engines: 2 Lycoming 10.360-C1E6 (port) L10-360-C1E6 (starboard) piston engines

Year of Manufacture: 1974

Date and time (GMT): 19 October 1987 at 1740 hrs

Location: Coventry Airfield

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Substantial — to the nose gear, nose area and propellers

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 42 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 442 hours (of which 45 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and AAIB telephone enquiry.

The aircraft was engaged in night circuit flying and had completed two touch and go landings. On the roll-out after a third landing, at approximately 60 knots, and as the pilot was preparing to go round again, the nose landing gear collapsed. The pilot who was wearing full upper torso restraint was uninjured.