

Piper PA-18-150 (Modified) Super Cub, G-BJCI

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-18-150 (Modified) Super Cub, G-BJCI	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-360-C2A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1958	
Date & Time (UTC):	11 May 2003 at 1520 hrs	
Location:	Milfield Airfield, near Wooler, Northumberland	
Type of Flight:	Glider Towing	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Propeller bent, engine requires shock load testing	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	55 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	558 hours (of which 246 were on type) Last 90 days - 10 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

After a normal landing the aircraft was taxied directly downwind back towards the glider launch point. The pilot selected full flap and held the elevator in the neutral position which is his normal procedure when taxiing in strong winds. As he slowed to a stop before turning to line up in front of the next glider, the tail lifted off the ground and the aircraft slewed through 90°. Pulling rearwards on the control column had no effect and as the tail continued to lift, and before the engine could be stopped, the propeller struck the ground. During the period of taxiing the wind strength had been 15-20 kt gusting to 30 kt.