

No: 6/85

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Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA28-181 G-MERI (light single-engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date and time (GMT): 12 May 1985 at 1050 hrs

Location: Turnberry Airport, Nr Girvan, Ayrshire

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 3

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Damage to the left wing leading edge and to the propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 25 years

Commander's total flying experience: 133 hours (of which 24 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by pilot.

Following a normal landing on the active runway 04, the pilot was advised to taxi to the end of the runway and turn left so as to park the aircraft on the adjoining disused runway.

A tarmac access road joins runway 04 at about the mid-point, continues along the centreline and then follows around the inside of the corner into the disused runway.

The pilot attempted to follow this road round the corner but, whilst doing so, the left wing leading edge of his aircraft struck a gatepost giving access to a field bounded by the two runways. Consequently the aircraft swung to the left and the propeller struck the gate.

The pilot shut down the engine and all ancillary equipment and, with the other three occupants, left the aircraft without further incident.