

# Piper PA-28-161, G-GFTA

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-28-161, G-GFTA

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1999

**Date & Time (UTC):** 24 September 2000 at 0930 hrs

**Location:** States of Guernsey Airport, Channel Islands

**Type of Flight:** Training

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Damage to nose landing gear leg

**Commander's Licence:** Student Pilot

**Commander's Age:** 49 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 39 hours (of which 34 were on type)  
Last 28 days - 5 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was carrying out circuit practice using Runway 27 at Guernsey Airport, Channel Islands. The surface wind was 170°/6 kt and the runway was damp. His intention was to carry out a touch and go landing. After landing he applied a small amount of power, prior to raising the flaps, at which time the aircraft started to veer to the left. He applied the brakes and the aircraft skidded sideways coming to rest off the side of the runway.

The instructor assessed the cause as being the too early application of power resulting in a swing to the left due to torque effect. This would have been compounded by the crosswind.