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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-30, G-ATFK

**No & Type of Engines:** 2 Lycoming IO-320-B1A piston engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 1965

**Date and Time (UTC):** 12 June 1989 at 1700 hrs

**Location:** White Waltham aerodrome, near Maidenhead, Berkshire

**Type of Flight:** Private (pleasure)

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers -1

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers -None

**Nature of Damage:** Propellers bent, engines shock loaded and fuselage underside scraped

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings

**Commander's Age:** 55 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 904 hours (of which 50 were on type)

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

The aircraft was on a local flight and, having completed an uneventful circuit, it was landed with the landing gear retracted. The pilot states that due to an unusually busy traffic situation in the circuit he was distracted, did not notice the cockpit warning light and forgot to lower the landing gear. A warning horn normally sounds when power on both engines is reduced below about 12 inches of manifold pressure when the landing gear is not down and locked. The pilot, who had recently acquired the aircraft, reports that the horn was not fitted.