

Piper PA-28-140, G-LFSC, 13 June 2000 at 1040 hrs

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-140, G-LFSC

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-E3D piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1973

Date & Time (UTC): 13 June 2000 at 1040 hrs

Location: Liverpool Airport

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Bent propeller and burst tyre

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 42 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 286 hours (of which 132 were on type)
Last 90 days - 2 hours
Last 28 days - 0 hour

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was returning to Liverpool from a 'landaway' at Blackpool. The weather conditions at Liverpool were good with clear visibility, scattered clouds and a surface wind of 290° at 16 kt. Liverpool ATC cleared the aircraft to join the Runway 27 circuit on base leg for a landing. The approach was slightly steeper than normal and on landing the aircraft bounced and impacted the ground a second time landing heavily on the nosewheel. The aircraft veered slightly to the right and came to a halt with the nose tyre deflated and damage to the propeller. The pilot and passenger vacated the aircraft without difficulty.

The pilot considered that the accident was caused by misjudgement of the landing flare and failure to respond to the subsequent bounce rapidly enough.