

Piper PA-28-140, G-MATZ

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28-140, G-MATZ	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-E2A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1972	
Date & Time (UTC):	27 March 2002 at 1250 hrs	
Location:	Coventry Airport	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers N/A
Nature of Damage:	Propeller bent, engine shock loaded and fuselage dented	
Commander's Licence:	Student Pilot	
Commander's Age:	26 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	97 hours (All were on type)	
	Last 90 days 15 hours	
	Last 28 days - 6 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

During a landing on Runway 23 at Coventry Airport the student pilot lost directional control during braking and the aircraft departed the runway to the left and collided with one of the Precision Approach Path Indicators. The aircraft came to rest having sustained damage to the propeller and fuselage.

In his report the student pilot stated that he thought his directional control difficulties started when the left wheel lifted from the ground during braking causing the aircraft to yaw to the right.