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

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-E30 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1973

Date and Time (UTC): 6 July 1990 at 1650 hrs

Location: Newcastle-upon-Tyne Airport

Type of Flight: Private (training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - 1 (minor) Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial to left wing and aircraft nose

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 44 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 30 hours (all on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and further AAIB inquiries

G-BAWK was an early series PA-28 with nosewheel steering operated by the rudder pedals but no toe brakes. Aircraft retardation was achieved by use of a handbrake located under the instrument panel and operated by the pilot's right hand.

After landing, the student pilot who had less than 4 hours as first pilot, stopped his aircraft clear of the runway and completed his after landing checks. On starting to taxi again, the aircraft veered to the left which put the aircraft in line with a parked helicopter. The pilot applied left rudder to bring the aircraft clear of the helicopter but facing a building. He then reached for the hand brake to stop the aircraft but in doing so he caught the throttle lever with the back of his hand increasing engine power. Before he could take any further remedial action, the aircraft struck a building. There was no fire but the pilot was able to evacuate the aircraft without difficulty despite having sustained minor injuries.