

# Piper PA-28-140, G-BFBF

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<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Piper PA-28-140, G-BFBF
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming O-320-E3D piston engine
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1973
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	2 August 1997 at 1255 hrs
<b>Location:</b>	Blackpool Airport
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Nose landing gear broke off and tips of propeller blades bent
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	39 years
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	91 hours (of which 24 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - Nil
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After a one hour flight from Carlisle, the pilot joined the circuit at Blackpool on a right base leg for Runway 28. The weather was good and the surface wind was calm. The pilot reported that he used full flap for his landing and that the aircraft landed on all three wheels simultaneously. G-BFBF bounced violently and yawed to the left before landing nose wheel first and bouncing again; on the next touchdown, the nose gear broke off and the aircraft slid to a halt on the runway. The pilot acknowledged that the accident was caused by his poor handling.