

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Rockwell Commander 112TC, N4599W	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming TO-360-C1A6D piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1976	
Date & Time (UTC):	10 March 2012 at 1125 hrs	
Location:	Fenland Airfield, Lincolnshire	
Type of Flight:	Private (Training)	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Left undercarriage and right mainwheel detached, both wings and tail damaged, fuel tank disrupted	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	39 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	589 hours (of which 175 were on type) Last 90 days - 4 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The accident occurred during a short field landing of a differences training and familiarisation flight. The instructor flew the approach and landing on Runway 18 as the student was not confident with crosswind conditions. From the windsock, the wind was estimated to be 250/260 at 10 kt. After the flare, the aircraft floated longer than expected and full power was applied on touchdown as there was insufficient stopping distance remaining. The pilot applied back pressure early in order to clear an obstacle and the aircraft touched down in the next field. The pilot then saw a dyke and

trees and elected to get airborne once more. The left undercarriage hit a tree, resulting in the aircraft coming down backwards, causing significant damage to the airframe and leaking fuel into the field. The crew were uninjured and exited the aircraft unaided.

The pilot attributed the accident to flying the approach too fast with no headwind component and that the late go-around decision was due to the bright sunshine directly ahead reducing his visual cues.