

Piper PA-28R-200-2, G-AZOG

AAIB Bulletin No:	Ref: EW/G2001/09/14	Category: 1.3
Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28R-200-2, G-AZOG	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming IO-360-C1C	
Year of Manufacture:	1971	
Date & Time (UTC):	9 September 2001 at 1145 hrs	
Location:	Stapleford Airfield, Essex	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to nose landing gear casting	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	39 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	295 hours (of which 7 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 4 hours	
	Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was landing on the grass Runway 28 at Stapleford after a flight from Southend. The pilot reported that, after a normal approach, the power was reduced and the aircraft began to sink. The resulting touchdown was prior to the location of the displaced landing threshold of Runway 28. Consequently, the aircraft ran over the intersection of the grass surface with the tarmac surface of Runway 22L.

The aircraft was subsequently flown back to Southend. It was noted that the nose oleo extension was low. Detailed engineering inspection then found that the nose landing gear oleo housing casting was cracked. It was considered that this had occurred as a result of the landing at Stapleford.