

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Piper PA-30 Twin Commanche, G-BKCL	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	2 Lycoming IO-320-B1A piston engines	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1969	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	12 May 1995 at 0650 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Leeds Airport	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 2
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Right main landing gear collapsed; damage to right wing, tip tank, right propeller and rear fuselage	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence with Night Rating	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	44 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	5,200 hours (of which 110 were on type) Last 90 days - 16 hours Last 28 days - 7 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

During takeoff, at a speed of about 65 kt in no wind, the left engine suddenly lost power and the aircraft swung violently to the left. The pilot immediately closed the throttles, but the aircraft crossed the edge of the runway, striking a runway light which collapsed the right main landing gear, and traversed a grass area before coming to rest at holding point 'V', facing the runway. Whilst still traversing the grass, the pilot had feathered both engines and carried out the emergency drills.

Seeing the aircraft leaving the runway, the Air Departures Controller had sounded the crash alarm and the Airport Fire Service attended the accident, foaming the ruptured brake lines and the fuel escaping from the right tip tank. There was no fire and the occupants left the aircraft through the main door. The passenger's lap straps and the pilot's full harness fulfilled the requirements without failure.