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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-38-112 Tomahawk, G-BMNP

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1981

Date & Time (UTC): 28 July 1995 at 1505 hrs

Location: Halfpenny Green Airfield, Staffordshire

Type of Flight: Private (Training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - Minor Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Bent propeller and nose landing gear with associated damage to supporting structures

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 51 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 70 hours (all on type)
Last 90 days - 3 hours
Last 28 days - 1 hour

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was undertaking a solo cross-country flight in fine weather and light wind conditions. The aircraft touched down near the threshold of Runway 22 and bounced. She attempted to correct the bounce but the situation rapidly got worse and the aircraft pitched forward onto its nose. It came to rest some two thirds of the way down the 640 metre long runway.