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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-18-150 Super Cub, G-BVMI

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-A2B piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1967

Date & Time (UTC): 15 August 1995 at 1100 hrs

Location: Framlingham Airfield, Parham, Suffolk

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - Minor Passengers - Minor

Nature of Damage: Aircraft damaged beyond economic repair

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence with Night and Instructor Ratings

Commander's Age: 38 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 4,006 hours (of which 426 were on type)
Last 90 days - 15 hours
Last 28 days - 13 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

At the conclusion of a flight from Crowfield the aircraft landed from a standard approach. The weather was hot and fine, the concrete runway used was 24 and the wind was light from the north west. After touchdown the aircraft veered sharply to the right and so the pilot decided to go-around. During the attempt the aircraft left the prepared surface and struck a tractor bucket and fence just to the north of the runway. The cockpit area sustained only minor damage and the occupants vacated it via the normal side exits.

The pilot was uncertain why the aircraft tended to veer to the right; she thought it was possibly the heat (28°C) or wind effect.