

Piper PA-28-161, G-BSBA, 18 January 2000

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-161, G-BSBA

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date & Time (UTC): 18 January 2000 at 1515 hrs

Location: Dunkeswell Aerodrome, Devon

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 3

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Dented lead edges of both wings and slight damage to propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 78 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 781 hours (of which 98 were on type)

Last 90 days - 3 hours

Last 28 days - 1 hour

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot's intention was to backtrack Runway 05 at Dunkeswell. Before entering the runway he transmitted his intention on the radio and checked visually for circuit traffic; he saw none. He reported that the visibility was generally good, except down the runway when it was very poor because of the setting sun.

He had entered the runway and was taxiing slowly towards the western end when he heard an aircraft make a 'finals' call. He increased taxi speed to, what he estimated as, between 25 and 30 mph; forward visibility was so poor that he had to use the runway edge for reference. When he saw the perimeter fence beyond the far end of the runway he braked but was unable to stop the aircraft before it impacted with the fence.