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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-38-112, G-EORG

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

**Year of Manufacture:** 1978

**Date and Time (UTC):** 20 September 1990 at 0855 hrs

**Location:** Wycombe Air Park, Buckinghamshire

**Type of Flight:** Private (training)

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 2 Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Wingtip fairing broken, aileron twisted and wing skin rippled

**Commander's Licence:** Commercial Pilot's Licence with IMC, Night and Instructor ratings

**Commander's Age:** 27 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 1,178 hours (of which 211 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Runway 25 was in use and the wind was 290°/12 kt. Making the final approach for a touch and go landing, the student flared slightly too high and was prompted by the instructor to apply more back pressure on the control column. The landing was firm and accomplished in an abnormally high nose-up attitude but, during the landing, the left wing dropped and struck the runway. The go-around was abandoned and the instructor taxied the aircraft to the maintenance hangar without further event.

The instructor has stated that, immediately prior to touchdown, the airspeed indicated 60 kt and so, although the wing did not stall prior to initial contact, the aircraft may then have bounced causing the wing to drop.