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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA28-140, G-GCAT

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-E2A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1969

Date and Time (UTC): 3 September 1989 at 1740 hrs

Location: Lydd Airport, Kent

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear bent

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 22 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 140 hours (of which 110 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Whilst landing on runway 04 at Lydd Airport, in a wind of 060°/5-10 kt, the pilot applied power just before touchdown and the aircraft veered to the right. The landing was on the right side of the centreline and, despite hard braking, the aircraft left the side of the runway and came to rest facing in the opposite direction. The occupants left the aircraft without further event.