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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-34-220T Seneca II, G-GFCD

No & Type of Engines: 2 Continental TSIO-360-KB piston engines

Year of Manufacture: 1981

Date & Time (UTC): 8 December 1991 at 1820 hrs

Location: Gloucestershire Airport

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Bent propeller blades and damaged engine front bearing on both engines

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence with Instrument and Instructor ratings

Commander's Age: 37 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 1,695 hours (of which 35 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The wind was light and variable and the runway in use was 27, which was dry and has an asphalt surface with a declared Landing Distance Available of 1027 metres.

On landing from a visual approach the aircraft made three or four bounces before being brought to a halt and taxied to the hangar area. No damage to the aircraft was noticed at the time, but during subsequent ground handling the propeller blades of both engines were seen to be bent. A detailed inspection of the engines later revealed that the front main bearing of each engine required replacement.