

AAIB Bulletin No: 2/93

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Beech C23 Sundowner 180, G-BBSB

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-360-A4J piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1973

Date & Time (UTC): 18 November 1992 at 1845 hrs

Location: Blackpool Airport, Lancashire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial to propeller and nose landing gear

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 42 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 155 hours(of which 78 were on type)
Last 90 days - 8 hours
Last 28 days - 8 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the owner

The pilot was undertaking the final solo circuits exercise required for the initial issue of a Night Rating. The exercise was being flown on runway 28 with a surface wind of 280°/20 kt. The initial circuit and landing had been uneventful and the pilot stated that the second circuit seemed identical until the landing resulted in a severe bounce. He opened the throttle but was not aware of any increase in power and the aircraft suffered several more impacts with the runway before coming to rest with the nose landing gear collapsed.