

**No: 1/85**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Piper PA 38 Tomahawk G-BGCH (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

**Year of Manufacture:** 1979

**Date and time (GMT):** 10 November 1984 at 1335 hrs

**Location:** Wellesbourne Airfield, Warwickshire

**Type of flight:** Training

**Persons on board:** Crew — 2                      Passengers — Nil

**Injuries:** Crew — Nil                      Passengers — Nil

**Nature of damage:** Nosewheel detached, propeller bent, and some damage to the engine cowlings.

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 37 years

**Commander's total flying experience:** 875 hours (of which 530 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report form submitted by the pilot.

During a dual instruction flight, short field landings were being practised by a student who had 28 flying hours experience. On the fourth circuit, the student flared the aircraft some 10 feet above the runway and then moved the control column sharply forward. Despite an attempted recovery by the instructor, the aircraft struck the ground and the nosewheel broke off.

The aircraft continued along the runway, eventually veering off to the right, the propeller contacting the ground. There was no fire and the two pilots evacuated the aircraft without injury.