

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA 32R-301T, N88NA	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming TIO-540-S15AD piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1984 (Serial no: 32R8529005)	
Date & Time (UTC):	18 May 2017 at 1700 hrs	
Location:	White Waltham Airfield, Berkshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Propeller and nosewheel	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	24 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	265 hours (of which 69 were on type) Last 90 days - 26 hours Last 28 days - 23 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was being taxied from its grass parking position to a hangar at White Waltham Airfield, via a newly built concrete apron. As N88NA approached the apron's east side, its nose landing gear sunk into soft ground immediately adjacent to the concrete, and collapsed. The propeller then struck the concrete.

The pilot reported that he discovered after the accident that entry to the apron was permitted from the west side only. He reported that the east side had originally been marked as unusable with orange gates. However, due to on-going ground-work, a marker had been removed leading him to believe that entry to the concrete was permitted at that location.