

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Socata TB20, N20TB	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming IO-540 piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2000	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	27 September 2017 at 1350 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Blackbushe Airport, Hampshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Damage to propeller, fuselage, landing gear, engine mounts and cowling	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	74 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	294 hours (of which 23 were on type) Last 90 days - 8 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot had intended to fly to Sandown, but on checking the weather he decided that it was unsuitable for VFR flight. As it was his passenger's first flight in an aircraft, to avoid disappointment, the pilot planned to fly a couple of circuits.

He took off, climbed to the circuit height of 800 ft and performed one circuit, which ended in a wheels-up landing.

The pilot stated that he was normally rigorous in performing his checks on finals and could not understand why he had omitted them on this occasion. He suggested that a contributory factor to the accident may have been that he was wearing a recently purchased noise-cancelling headset, which may have made the sound of the landing gear warning chimes less apparent to him.