

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-24-250 Comanche, G-TALF	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-540-A1B5 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1959 (Serial no: 24-1094)	
Date & Time (UTC):	5 November 2018 at 1440 hrs	
Location:	Tatenhill Airfield, Staffordshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Propeller and fuselage damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	61 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	232 hours (of which 11 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - 0 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot intended to practise circuits and, after waiting for some low cloud to clear, he consulted with other pilots before deciding that the weather conditions were suitable for the flight.

Visibility became "noticeably poor" as he climbed out on the crosswind leg and, after turning downwind, he had difficulty remaining visual with the runway. He cut short the downwind leg and lowered the landing gear but, realising he was high, he elected to go around. Visibility was worse during the second circuit and the pilot believes that he became pre-occupied with the poor visibility, forgetting to complete his downwind checks and omitting to lower the landing gear. The aircraft touched down with the gear retracted and veered to the right, coming to rest on the edge of the runway. The pilot, who was uninjured, exited the aircraft without assistance.