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ACCIDENT		
Aircraft Type and Registration:	DA 40 D Diamond Star, G-CCFS	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Thielert TAE 125-02-114 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2003 (Serial no: D4.034)	
Date & Time (UTC):	18 August 2018 at 1330 hrs	
Location:	Full Sutton Airfield, Yorkshire	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Pitot tube on left wing, propeller, tailskid, and nosewheel spat damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Student pilot	
Commander's Age:	49 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	37 hours (of which 37 were on type) Last 90 days - 34 hours Last 28 days - 16 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The student pilot reported that during a circuit training detail the aircraft suffered a hard landing, causing it to veer to the left of the runway.

The instructor commented that the student flared too high and then allowed the aircraft to descend too rapidly, causing the hard landing. The student felt that the accident would have been avoided had he decided to abandon the landing and go around.

The instructor considered that the student, who had accrued 35 hours dual instruction, was competent to carry out solo circuits and landings. He had successfully completed five previous solo landings in between ongoing flying instruction sessions.

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