

Serious Incident

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-24 Comanche, D-EKKE	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming IO-540 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1958 (Serial no: 24-469)	
Date & Time (UTC):	14 March 2025 at 1734 hrs	
Location:	Solent Airport, Hampshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Collapsed undercarriage, damage to underside of fuselage and propeller	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	56 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	2,137 hours (of which 65 were on type) Last 90 days - 8 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	

After a short local flight, D-EKKE was on approach to Runway 05 at Solent Airport when the landing gear light did not illuminate when the gear was selected DOWN. After several attempts to lower the landing gear normally, the pilot used the emergency procedure and the control tower visually confirmed the landing gear was down. The pilot recalls hearing the gear lock on extension and so continued with a normal landing. The aircraft touched down but during the latter stage of the landing roll the landing gear slowly collapsed and the aircraft slid on its underside for approximately 100 m. The pilot and passenger exited the aircraft unaided and without injury.