

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28-140 Cherokee, G-FIAT	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-E3D piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1973	
Date & Time (UTC):	13 March 1993 at 1020 hrs	
Location:	Bristol Lulsgate Airport	
Type of Flight:	Private (training)	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Nosewheel sheared off; propeller damaged and engine shock-loaded	
Commander's Licence:	Student pilot	
Commander's Age:	69 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	21 hours (all on type, plus 460 with RAF) Last 90 days - 5 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and endorsed by the club CFI	

On his first solo circuit since re-starting flying, the pilot approached in a nose high attitude and commenced the landing flare too early. The aircraft dropped about 10 feet onto the runway and bounced back into the air. After a second bounce the pilot started to apply power to go-around but as he did so, the aircraft touched down heavily on the nosewheel which broke away. Realising that the propeller had been damaged when the nosewheel collapsed, the pilot abandoned the go-around and brought the aircraft to a halt on the runway. He informed the tower of his predicament, switched off the fuel and power and waited for the emergency services which arrived promptly.