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Aircraft type and registration:	Piper PA-28-140 G-AVWL	
No & Type of engines:	1 Lycoming 0-320-E2A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1967	
Date and time (UTC):	28 October 1987 at 1130 hrs	
Location:	Compton Abbas Airfield, Salisbury, Wilts	
Type of flight:	Training	
Persons on board:	Crew — 1	Passengers — None
Injuries:	Crew — None	Passengers — N/A
Nature of damage:	Minor to propeller and nose landing gear	
Commander's Licence:	Student Pilot	
Commander's Age:	32 years	
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	59 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.	

At the time of the accident the weather was fine and the wind calm. On short final with 20° flap selected the pilot realised he was high and lowered the nose to achieve his intended touch-down point. Following the landing flare, the aircraft floated resulting in a touch-down well into the grass runway. Overnight rain had made the runway surface wet and the pilot was unable to prevent the aircraft over-running the runway into a ploughed field.