

Piper PA-28R-200, G-MEAH

AAIB Bulletin No:	11/98	Ref:	EW/G98/08/24	Category:	1.3
Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28R-200, G-MEAH				
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming IO-360-C1C piston engine				
Year of Manufacture:	1974				
Date & Time (UTC):	17 August 1998 at 0855 hrs				
Location:	Stapleford Tawney Airfield, Essex				
Type of Flight:	Private				
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2 - Passengers - None				
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A				
Nature of Damage:	Substantial to propeller, flaps and fuselage. Engine shock loaded				
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence				
Commander's Age:	53 years				
Commander's Flying Experience:	2,940 hours (of which 412 were on type)				
	Last 90 days - 185 hours				
	Last 28 days - 63 hours				
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot				

A qualified pilot was being instructed in glide approach landings. Due to a strong crosswind at circuit height, landing gear selection was being delayed until after completion of the base leg to increase the glide distance. The first approach was satisfactory but on the second one the pilot failed to lower the landing gear and the aircraft landed wheels-up.

The instructor considered that the cause of the accident was his failure to monitor the actions of the pilot under instruction.