

# **Piper PA-38-112, G-BTJJ, 29 May 1996**

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-38-112, G-BTJJ

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1979

**Date & Time (UTC):** 29 May 1996 at 1830 hrs

**Location:** Mid-Wales Airport, Welshpool, Powys

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

**Injuries:** Crew - None Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Damaged beyond economic repair

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 46 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 111 hours(of which 42 were on type)

Last 90 days - 31 hours

Last 28 days - 9 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot reported that he rotated too early on take off from Runway 22 and, with a low airspeed, was unable to gain enough height to clear the boundary hedge. Both occupants were wearing lap and diagonal upper torso restraint and vacated the aircraft without injury.

After the accident, the CFI carried out a competency check on the pilot and reported that he demonstrated his ability to fly the aircraft to the required standard.