

IDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-16, EI-AEL	
No & Type of Engines:	1 x Lycoming O-235-C1B piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1949	
Date & Time (UTC):	3 October 2015 at 1328 hrs	
Location:	Enniskillen Airport, County Fermanagh	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to right main landing gear, propeller and right wing	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	73 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,623 hours (of which 1,520 were on type) Last 90 days - 24 hours Last 28 days - 11 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was landing on Runway 15 at Enniskillen, having flown in from Letterkenny Airfield, County Donegal. Following an approach which was "entirely stable in terms of height and speed", the aircraft touched down but immediately ground-looped to the right, coming to rest with the right main landing gear collapsed inwards underneath the fuselage. Examination showed that several structural elements of the right main landing gear had broken, apparently in overload, consistent with right sideslip being present at touchdown. The pilot is unsure whether the ground loop occurred as a result of the collapse or had precipitated the collapse. He suggested that the right brake may have been locked on for some reason, although the wheel was found to rotate normally.