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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Accident	21 December 1997	Time of Accident	0945 Z		
Aircraft Registration	ZS-ZAI	Type of Aircraft	Piper PA 24-260 Comanche		
Pilot-in-command Licence Type	Private		Licence Valid	Yes	
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours	341	Total Hours on Type	?	
Last point of departure	Ingwala				
Next point of intended landing	FASY				
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (plus GPS readings if possible)					
On runway 13 at FASY (Baragwanath)					
Meteorological Information	CAVOK				
Number of people on board	1+1	No. of people injured	Nil	No. of people killed	Nil
Synopsis	<p>The pilot/owner of the aircraft was accompanied by one passenger on a flight from Ingwalala to Baragwanath FASY. According to the pilot, on arrival at FASY, he carried out the necessary landing checks and landed on runway 13. As the nose gear touched down the undercarriage collapsed. The pilot was adamant that he had a green light prior to landing. Apparently the landing gear up warning buzzer did not sound.</p>				
Probable Cause					
<p>From the available information it would seem that the undercarriage was not lowered prior to landing.</p>					