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Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna F172N Skyhawk, G-RUIA

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-H2AD piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date & Time (UTC): 19 September 1993 at 1030 hrs

Location: Shipdham Airfield, Norfolk

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 2

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Substantial to propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 36 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 62 hours (of which 44 were on type)
Last 90 days - 4 hours
Last 28 days - Nil hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was turning off the tarmac runway onto the grass, when the nosewheel entered a shallow depression approximately four inches deep. As the nose landing gear oleo compressed, the propeller struck a concrete picketing block which extended eight inches above ground level but which was partially obscured by long grass.