

Reims Cessna FRA150L, G-BCKU, 7 May 1996

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INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna FRA150L, G-BCKU

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental O-240-A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1974

Date & Time (UTC): 7 May 1996 at 1600 hrs

Location: Loch Tummel - Pitlochry

Type of Flight: Private (Training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Cracked windscreen, chafing on left wing strut and on inboard leading edge of left wing

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence with FI Rating

Commander's Age: 36 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 2,260 hours (of which 2,200 were on type)

Last 90 days - 40 hours

Last 28 days - 20 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was being flown above Loch Tummel at approximately 100 feet agl. Towards the eastern end of the loch the pilot put the aircraft into a shallow dive, with the intention of increasing speed prior to climbing. At the bottom of the dive, at a height of approximately 50 feet agl, a loud bang was heard and a six inch crack appeared in the windscreen. The pilot assumed that the aircraft had hit a bird and immediately made a gentle climb to 2000 feet amsl. A visual inspection revealed no further damage and the aircraft was flown back to its base at Perth. Further inspection of the aircraft suggests that the damage may have occurred as a result of a wire strike but it has not been possible to confirm this.