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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Grob G115, G-BOPT

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-235-H2C piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1988

**Date and Time (UTC):** 11 January 1991 at 1245 hrs

**Location:** Manchester (Barton) Airfield, Eccles, Manchester

**Type of flight:** Private (training)

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Nose landing gear fork bent

**Commander's Licence:** Student Pilot

**Commander's Age:** 46 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 24 hours (all on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the Flying Instructor and subsequent enquiries

The student pilot was carrying out a solo circuit consolidation detail under the supervision of his Instructor, who was in the ATC tower. The runway in use was 27 and the surface wind was 270°/5 kt. Following a normal circuit, the landing flare was initiated too early. The aircraft was seen to fly level at about 6 feet agl prior to climbing slightly in a nose-up attitude. It then descended onto the runway, bounced and pitched forward; the second touchdown was on the nose landing gear with the aircraft yawed slightly to the left. The landing gear fork bent but the aircraft was taxied clear of the runway and shut down. The pilot, who was wearing full upper torso restraint, escaped without injury.