

Reims Cessna F172N,G-RUIA

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

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

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date & Time (UTC): 16 August 1999 at 2000 hrs

Location: Knockin Strip, Shropshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to nose spinner, slight indentation to right wing leading edge

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 36 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 128 hours (of which 22 were on type)
Last 90 days - 13 hours
Last 28 days - 5 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

On returning to the airfield after a flight in the local area, the pilot decided to carry out a practice force landing on Runway 09. The wind was calm and the visibility was more than 10 km. On the final approach, while concentrating on the planned touchdown point he became aware that the aircraft was descending towards the 11 kV power cables, 239 metres before the strip, which had up to this time blended into the background. He immediately applied full power to go-around but the spinner struck and parted the cable. The pilot experienced no handling problems and the aircraft landed without further incident.