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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 172P, G-BMZV

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-D2J piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1981

Date and Time (UTC): 23 August 1989 at 1133 hrs

Location: Coventry Airport

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers -1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers -None

Nature of Damage: Propeller bent, engine shock loaded, nose landing gear oleo damaged

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings

Commander's Age: 32 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 250 hours (of which 150 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot intended making a short local flight from Coventry Airport. As the aircraft was taxiing from the light aircraft park the nose dropped and the propeller struck the ground. The pilot shut down the engine, made all switches safe and both occupants vacated the aircraft without injury. The pilot reports that he subsequently discovered that the aircraft's nose landing gear had entered a pot-hole that was some 8 inches deep, and that the position of the pot-hole was not marked.