

Reims Cessna F152, G-BHZH

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Reims Cessna F152, G-BHZH
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1980
Date & Time (UTC):	28 December 1997 at 1055 hrs
Location:	Guernsey Airport, Channel Islands
Type of Flight:	Private (Training)
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Collapsed nose landing gear, damage to propeller, engine and fuselage skin
Commander's Licence:	Student Pilot
Commander's Age:	39 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	45 hours (of which 16 were on type) Last 90 days - 20 hours Last 28 days - 9 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Weather conditions were good with a south westerly wind at 5 kt. The student pilot accompanied by an instructor flew two circuits. He then flew three circuits solo without incident. During a 'touch and go' landing from a fourth circuit, the aircraft landed heavily and bounced. The pilot felt uneasy with the condition of the aircraft and, although he could not specifically identify a problem, 'the aircraft did not feel right'. He therefore decided to terminate his training period after the next landing. From a final approach, which the pilot considers may have been at too steep an angle, the landing was heavy and the aircraft bounced, whereupon the landing gear buckled. The pilot saw the nose wheel roll out in front of the aircraft which itself skidded to the right of Runway 27, striking a drainage ditch and rotating upwards. The aircraft then settled back down heavily with the propeller bending as it struck the ground.