

Cessna A150K Aerobat, G-BPJW

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna A150K Aerobat, G-BPJW
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental O-200-A piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1969
Date & Time (UTC):	29 March 1997 at 1440 hrs
Location:	Beverley Aerodrome, North Humberside
Type of Flight:	Private (Training)
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to nose landing gear, propeller and engine mounting frame
Commander's Licence:	Student Pilot
Commander's Age:	44 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	51 hours (all on type) Last 90 days - 8 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was practising solo circuit flying on the grass Runway 30 at Beverley. The surface wind was from 300° at 10 to 15 kt. The pilot reported that the aircraft touched down heavily after the second circuit, probably as a result of being too fast during the final stage of the approach. A go-around was immediately initiated and the pilot continued in the circuit unaware of any problems with the landing gear. Four further touch-and-go landings were made. On the final landing, the pilot applied the brakes towards the end of the landing roll and the nose landing gear collapsed. The aircraft came to rest on its nose. The pilot carried out the shutdown procedure and vacated the aircraft by the normal means.