

No: 6/87

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Aircraft type and registration: Reims Cessna FRA150L G-BBKF

No & Type of engines: 1 Rolls-Royce Continental 0-240-A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1974

Date and time (UTC): 20 March 1987 at 1415 hrs

Location: Compton Abbas Aerodrome, Salisbury, Wilts

Type of flight: Training

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Substantial damage to right side wing, fin and rudder — minor damage to propeller and engine bearer frame

Commander's Licence: Student pilot

Commander's Age: 28 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 15 hours (of which 2 hours were as pilot-in-command)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

A student pilot, on his third solo flight, was making a glide approach to land on runway 26 at Compton Abbas aerodrome. An eye-witness, who was a qualified flying instructor, reported that the aircraft undershot and touched down about 45 metres short of the runway threshold on soft cultivated ground. The touch down appeared to be smooth, however, when the nose was lowered the nose landing gear dug into the soft ground causing the aircraft to turn over onto its back. The pilot, who was wearing full upper torso restraint harness, released himself from the aircraft without injury. The weather at the time was fine with a surface wind of 280°/10 knots.