

Cessna 152, G-BPJL

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 152, G-BPJL	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1978	
Date & Time (UTC):	9 July 2003 at 0955 hrs	
Location:	Southend Airport, Essex	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Broken nose wheel and damaged tyre, wrinkled fuselage skin around engine mounting, which was also damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Student Pilot	
Commander's Age:	16 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	17 hours 20 minutes (all of which were on type)	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The student pilot was landing after her second solo flight when she misjudged the flare height and rounded-out too early. The aircraft landed heavily on the runway and bounced three times before coming to rest. She was informed by the control tower that the nose wheel had been damaged and the tyre appeared to be deflated so she shut down the engine and switched off the electrics before exiting the aircraft normally.

Her instructor commented that she had shown no previous tendency to misjudge the flare height during her training.