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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Cessna 152, G-BNRL

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1984

**Date and Time (UTC):** 10 July 1990 at 0910 hrs

**Location:** Peterborough (Sibson) Airport, Cambridgeshire

**Type of Flight:** Private (training)

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 2                      Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Collapsed nose landing gear; damage to propeller, firewall and fuselage floor panel

**Commander's Licence:** Commercial Pilot's Licence and Private Pilot's Licence with IMC, Night and Instructor ratings

**Commander's Age:** 62 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 2,612 hours (of which at least 1,500 were on type)

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

The aircraft was engaged on a familiarisation/training flight which included circuit and landing practice. After rounding out into a flat attitude prior to touching down the handling pilot pushed the control column forward. There was insufficient time for the instructor to correct this control input before the aircraft landed heavily and the nose landing gear collapsed. The handling pilot was experienced on military jet aircraft but was unfamiliar with the characteristics of light aircraft.