

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 150M, G-BTGP	
No & type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp O-200-A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1976	
Date & Time (UTC):	28 June 2006 at 13:55 hrs	
Location:	Leicester Airport	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to front fuselage, engine, nose landing gear and both wings	
Commander's Licence:	Student pilot	
Commander's Age:	61 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	44 hours (of which all were on type) Last 90 days - 14 hours Last 28 days - 6 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

The student pilot was landing at Leicester Airport during a qualifying cross country flight. The aircraft was too high and too fast on the approach and touched down on the nose landing gear approximately halfway along the runway. The nose landing gear subsequently collapsed and the aircraft continued along the runway before veering left and coming to rest.

History of the flight

The student pilot was completing the second leg of the qualifying cross-country flight requirement for his PPL, from Gloucester to Leicester. He joined the circuit to land on Runway 28; however, due to his inexperience,

he was too high and too fast on the approach but, rather than performing a go-around manoeuvre, he attempted to land. The aircraft touched down on the nose wheel approximately halfway down the runway. The nose landing gear subsequently collapsed allowing the propeller to contact the runway surface. At this stage the pilot attempted to increase power and takeoff, however, the aircraft did not lift off. Witnesses observed the aircraft continue along the remainder of the runway, on the propeller and nose wheel, before turning to the left at the end of the runway and coming to rest in a field. The pilot sustained minor injuries but was able to evacuate the aircraft without difficulty.