

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Reims Cessna F152, G-BKGW	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-N2C piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1981	
Date & Time (UTC):	17 August 2008 at 1300 hrs	
Location:	Leicester Airport	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to nose gear leg, propeller and engine	
Commander's Licence:	Student pilot	
Commander's Age:	37 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	20 hours (of which 20 were on type) Last 90 days - 20 hours Last 28 days - 8 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot had been checked out for his first solo flight earlier in the day and subsequently completed the solo flight and a solo navigation exercise without incident. After a break for lunch he undertook a further solo navigation exercise. On returning to the airfield, the

aircraft landed heavily, damaging the nose gear leg, the propeller and the engine. The pilot believed that he may have flared too early; the landing was not seen by the instructor.