

**No: 7/89**

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Cessna FA152, G-STAP

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

**Year of Manufacture:** 1980

**Date and Time (UTC):** 6 May 1989 at 1205 hrs

**Location:** Stapleford Airfield

**Type of Flight:** Training

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - None

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

**Nature of Damage:** Substantial

**Commander's Licence:** Student Pilot

**Commander's Age:** 44 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 70 hours (of which all were on type)

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

The aircraft bounced once on landing. After the second touchdown, when the pilot applied the brakes there was a "bang" from the nose area of the aircraft which then sank to the ground.

It was later discovered that the engine had broken its mountings and dropped, taking with it the nose of the aircraft, including the nose landing gear.

The pilot's diagonal safety harness withstood the impact and there was no fire.