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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 150F, G-ATHZ

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental O-200-A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1965

Date & Time (UTC): 10 October 1993 at 1340 hrs

Location: Swanton Morley Airfield, Norfolk

Type of Flight: Private (Training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear, cowling, nose structure and propeller

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 49 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 34 hours (all on type)
Last 90 days - 16 hours
Last 28 days - 3 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot plus photographs and comments from the instructor

The club instructor had just flown four circuits and landings with the student during which her performance was satisfactory. The student then took off solo and departed the circuit for some general handling practice. Later she rejoined the circuit and made an approach to Runway 24. On touchdown the aircraft bounced several times and the nose landing gear collapsed rearwards and sideways causing secondary damage to the cowling, nose structure and propeller.

There were marks on the grass consistent with a 3-point touchdown but the imprint left by the nosewheel was deeper than that made by either mainwheel. The student was unhurt and asked for assistance on the radio.