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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna FRA150L, G-BANE

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental Motors Corp O-240-A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1972

Date and Time (UTC): 30 March 1989 at 0825 hrs

Location: Meppershall, Bedfordshire

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear bent rearwards; minor damage to propeller tips

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 37 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 169 hours (of which 144 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form Submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was on a flight from Cranfield to a private landing strip at Meppershall, Bedfordshire. The pilot reports that he flew a left hand circuit, turning finals at 550 feet agl and selected 20 degrees of flap at an airspeed of 65 knots. Touchdown on the main landing gear was normal and he lowered the nose landing gear and applied the wheel brakes. Approximately half way along the airstrip was a dip, and as the aircraft crossed the far side, it lifted back into the air before touching down again firmly on the nose landing gear. The force of this impact was sufficient to bend the nose landing gear rearwards, allowing the propeller to contact the ground. The pilot, who was wearing full upper torso restraint harness, vacated the aircraft without injury.