

Aircraft type and registration: Reims Cessna F172M G-BCCD

No & Type of engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-E2D piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1974

Date and time (UTC): 21 June 1986 at 1000 hrs

Location: Shoreham Airport, Sussex

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 3

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Damage to nose landing gear and propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 20 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 73 hours (of which 19 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was approaching to land on runway 03 at Shoreham Airport with the wind 040°/20 knots gusting 30 knots. The approach seemed satisfactory to the pilot, who had selected 20 degrees of flap. However, as the aircraft was about to touch down it started to float and the nosewheel struck the runway first. A series of bounces ensued until the aircraft came to rest in the middle of the runway with the propeller and the nose landing gear damaged — the latter had not, however, collapsed. The pilot considers that his approach speed had been too high for the conditions prevailing.