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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 152, G-BHNA

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

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date and Time (UTC): 6 June 1988 at 1130 hrs

Location: Leicester Airport

Type of Flight: Solo qualifying cross country

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers -None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nose wheel leg bent backwards, propeller bent and starboard wingtip distorted

Commander's Licence: Student

Commander's Age: 32 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 55 hours (of which all were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the Pilot

Arriving at Leicester airport from Netherthorpe, the student pilot made a normal circuit and final approach to runway 10. The wind was 120°/5-10 kts.

As a result of a high flare, the aircraft made an extremely heavy landing and bounced. Following the bounce, the aircraft landed nosewheel first, bending the leg back and allowing the propeller to strike the ground. Following a series of swerves, the pilot steered the aircraft onto the grass at the edge of the runway and, when it had come to rest, shut down the engine.

There was no fire and the pilot's diagonal harness withstood the force of the impact.