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**Aircraft Type
and Registration:**

Reims Cessna F150M, G-BGEA

No & Type of Engines:

1 Continental Motor Corp O-200-A piston engine

Year of Manufacture:

1977

Date and Time (UTC):

2 March 1990 at 1512 hrs

Location:

Bristol (Lulsgate) Airport

Type of Flight:

Private

Persons on Board:

Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries:

Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage:

Substantial damage to left wing and propeller

Commander's Licence:

Student Pilot

Commander's Age:

30 years

**Commander's Total
Flying Experience:**

56 hours (all on type)

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was on a cross-country flight from Bournemouth to Exeter and Bristol (Lulsgate). It was planned to carry out a landing at each and then to return to Bournemouth. The flight proceeded normally and, at about 1500 hrs, the aircraft was cleared to join the Lulsgate circuit, left hand to runway 27. The surface wind was reported as 290° to 300°/18 - 20 kt and, although the final approach was longer than normal, the circuit was uneventful. Just prior to touchdown, the pilot aligned the aircraft with the runway heading, but was slightly too high and consequently drifted to the left. Touchdown was on the left hand side of the centreline and the pilot was unable to prevent the aircraft leaving the paved area onto the soft ground. The aircraft pitched forward onto its nose, the engine stopped, and it settled back onto the mainwheels. The pilot, who was wearing diagonal upper torso restraint escaped without injury.