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Aircraft type and registration: Grumman AA-5A G-BGCM

No & Type of engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-E2G piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date and time (GMT): 18 December 1987 at 1000 hrs

Location: Southampton Airport

Type of flight: Training

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Minor — bent nose landing gear strut and propeller tips

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 32 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 16 hours (all on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After having completed three circuits with his instructor, the student pilot was on his third solo circuit on runway 20. The weather was fine with the wind from 270° at 7 kt. The approach was normal with full flap selected and the aircraft tracking down the runway centre-line. Commencement of the flare was high but the hold-off attitude was maintained until the aircraft firmly struck the runway and bounced. The stick was kept rearwards and the aircraft again bounced, in a very high nose-up attitude, started to drift left of centre-line, and bounced again.

At this time ATC relayed a message from the pilot's instructor advising a go-around and the pilot applied full-power although the aircraft was virtually on the ground. A yaw to the left developed taking the aircraft onto the grass and the throttle was closed and brakes applied. The aircraft came to a stop on a vehicle track, where subsequent examination revealed damage to the propeller tips and nose landing gear strut.

Diagonal upper-torso restraint was being worn and held throughout.