

Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna FRA150M Aerobat, G-BDEX

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rolls-Royce Continental O-240-E piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1975

Date & Time (UTC): 25 June 1994 at 1410 hrs

Location: Compton Abbas Airfield, Salisbury, Wiltshire

Type of Flight: Private (Training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - Minor Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to nose landing gear, propeller, engine and cowling

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 55 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 50 hours (of which 30 hours were on type)
Last 90 days - 5 hours
Last 28 days - 2 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was conducting a session of solo circuit flying onto the grass Runway 26 at Compton Abbas; the wind was reported as being westerly at 5 kt. The pilot reported that he ballooned during the hold off and became too high. He therefore pushed the control column forward to lower the nose in an attempt to correct the situation. The aircraft touched down nosewheel first, and the nose leg collapsed.

There was no fire, and the pilot vacated the aircraft by the normal means. He was wearing a full harness and sustained only minor injuries.