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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Reims Cessna F177RG, G-BAFI

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming IO-360-A1B6D piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1973

**Date and Time (UTC):** 3 March 1990 at 1517 hrs

**Location:** Bristol (Lulsgate) Airport

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 2                      Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Damage to propeller and nose landing gear door

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Assistant Instructor ratings

**Commander's Age:** 37 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 488 hours (of which 118 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was on final approach for second touch and go with all checks made and the landing gear indicating down and locked. The pilot visually checked that the gear was down before touching down on the mainwheels. Suddenly the aircraft yawed to the left; as the pilot was attempting to control the yaw with right rudder the nose landing gear collapsed.

The Chief Engineer of the maintenance organisation responsible for the recovery of the aircraft stated that after the aircraft had been removed to a hangar the landing gear switch was found in the "UP" position. Subsequent engineering checks did not reveal any malfunctions.