

Reims Cessna FRA150L (Modified), G-BBXB

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Reims Cessna FRA150L (Modified), G-BBXB
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental O-200-A piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1974
Date & Time (UTC):	10 September 1997 at 1525 hrs
Location:	Sandtoft Airport, South Yorkshire
Type of Flight:	Private (Training)
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damaged beyond economic repair
Commander's Licence:	Student pilot
Commander's Age:	25 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	21 hours (all on type) Last 90 days - 5 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was undertaking a solo circuit detail on Runway 23 at Sandtoft. His first two landings were normal but on the third the aircraft bounced. After the third bounce, full power was applied to go around, however, it was too late to prevent the nose wheel contacting the ground. The nose landing gear collapsed and the aircraft came to a halt on the left side of the runway.

The weather was not a factor and the pilot attributed the accident to a misjudged flare from a faster than ideal approach. This was the student pilot's third solo flight and on recent dual checks he had flown consistently good approaches and landings.