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Aircraft type and registration: Reims Cessna C150 G-BDEX (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1974

Date and time (GMT): 15 September 1985 at 1445 hrs

Location: Compton Abbas Aerodrome, Dorset

Type of flight: Training

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Damage to nose wheel leg, bulkhead, and engine bearers

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 48 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 22.40 hours, all on type

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

The student pilot completed four safe landings and take-offs to the satisfaction of his instructor before being sent solo. The instructor witnessed a good landing on the student's first solo circuit, but on the second the aircraft began to porpoise and eventually the nose leg collapsed, allowing the nose to strike the ground.