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Aircraft Type and Registration: Beech C23 Sundowner, G-BDYL

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-360-A4J piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1973

Date and Time (UTC): 8 December 1987 at 1120 hrs

Location: Stapleford Tawney Aerodrome, near Romford, Essex

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear collapsed, propeller bent and engine mounting broken

Commander's Licence: Student pilot

Commander's Age: 40 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 84 hours (of which 2 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

It has been reported that during the final approach on runway 04, in calm conditions, the aircraft was seen to make a higher than normal flare prior to landing. In the ensuing touchdown the aircraft bounced twice and the undercarriage nose-leg collapsed.