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Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna F172K Skyhawk, G-BFPH

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rolls-Royce Continental O-300-D piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1971

Date & Time (UTC): 20 October 1991 at 1645 hrs

Location: Hucknall Airfield, Nottinghamshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Substantial to nose landing gear, propeller and cowlings

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 63 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 260 hours (of which 127 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and additional telephone inquires

Initially the aircraft was being flown from the left hand seat by a pilot with only three hours on type. His total flying experience was 82 hours of which 14 hours 15 minutes were as Pilot in Command. On landing, with a light surface wind, the aircraft bounced twice causing the nose landing gear to break off. The pilot executed a go-around and climbed to a safe height in order to burn off fuel. After about two hours, the commander, who was in the right hand seat, elected to change seats with the handling pilot so that he could land the aircraft from the left hand seat. This was accomplished by the commander getting into the back of the cabin while the handling pilot changed seats. The commander then entered the left hand seat and took over as the handling pilot.

The commander then flew a full flap approach and, when he was sure of reaching the runway, he instructed the pilot in the right hand seat to shut down the engine. Following a gentle touch down, the nose of the aircraft was lowered onto the runway. There was no fire and the occupants were able to evacuate the aircraft unaided.