

Cessna F150L, G-BGBI

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna F150L, G-BGBI	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental O-200-A piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1971	
Date & Time (UTC):	6 July 2001 at 1519 hrs	
Location:	Rochester Airport, Kent	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Nose landing gear and propeller	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilots Licence	
Commander's Age:	48 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	212 hours (of which 11 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 3 hours	
	Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot took off from grass Runway 34 at Rochester and climbed into the circuit. When he turned onto the downwind leg he noticed a dark storm cloud in the final approach area. He decided to turn onto base leg earlier than usual to avoid the weather. Finding that the final approach leg was rather short and that he was going too fast the pilot rounded out high and tried to allow time for the speed to reduce. The aircraft hit the ground hard, bounced, and the nose landing gear collapsed on the second touchdown.