

Reims Cessna F152, G-BJKY

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna F152, G-BJKY

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1981

Date & Time (UTC): 18 December 1998 at 1328 hrs

Location: Blackpool Airport

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nosewheel tyre burst, nosewheel cracked, engine frame broken and damage to propeller tips

Commander's Licence: Student

Commander's Age: 65 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 66 hours (of which 64 were on type)

Last 90 days - 12 hours

Last 28 days - 7 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

On approaching Runway 13 in the standard landing configuration with a surface wind of 140°/09 kt and some turbulence, the student pilot encountered a gust as he initiated the flare. He corrected for the effect of the gust but before he could complete the flare, the aircraft contacted the runway and bounced. The pilot attempted to re-land the aircraft without increasing power and it contacted the runway in a nose down attitude before bouncing once again causing damage to the nose landing gear which prevented the pilot from taxiing clear of the runway.

The pilot considered that the cause of the accident was his failure to initiate a go-around following the first bounce. Although the student pilot was in current flying practice, the flying school is reviewing its requirement for dual checks prior to solo flights.