

# Reims Cessna F150M, G-BFIY

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Reims Cessna F150M, G-BFIY

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Continental O-200-A piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1977

**Date & Time (UTC):** 20 September 2000 at 1011 hrs

**Location:** Runway 14 at Leeds-Bradford International Airport

**Type of Flight:** Training

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Substantial to nose landing gear and propeller

**Commander's Licence:** Student Pilot

**Commander's Age:** 42 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 22 hours (all on type)  
Last 90 days - 0 hours  
Last 28 days - 0 hours

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

The student pilot was carrying out solo circuit consolidation training having just flown a 35 minute dual refresher session with his instructor. The weather was fine with light winds, good visibility and no significant weather.

The first four circuits carried out by the student were observed by the instructor who stated that they were all satisfactory. The student however reported that he felt he had flared a little high on his fourth landing and therefore decided to delay the flare on his fifth approach. During the flare the aircraft was affected by a gust of wind which caused it to drift to the left of the centreline. Whilst correcting for this the pilot misjudged the flare allowing the aircraft to bounce several times before landing nose wheel first. The nose landing gear sheared off allowing the underside of the fuselage and propeller to make contact with the runway. The emergency services responded immediately and the student vacated the aircraft without injury.