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| Aircraft Type and Registration: | Reims Cessna F152, G-BGFX | |
| No & Type of Engines: | 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine | |
| Year of Manufacture: | 1978 (Serial no: 1555) | |
| Date & Time (UTC): | 21 December 2012 at 1358 hrs | |
| Location: | Fairoaks Airport, Woking, Surrey | |
| Type of Flight: | Training | |
| Persons on Board: | Crew - 1 | Passengers - None |
| Injuries: | Crew - None | Passengers - N/A |
| Nature of Damage: | Propeller, nose gear, firewall and right wingtip | |
| Commander's Licence: | Student pilot | |
| Commander's Age: | 61 years | |
| Commander's Flying Experience: | 28 hours (of which 28 were on type) Last 90 days - 7 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours | |
| Information Source: | Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot | |

The student pilot had flown several dual circuits with his instructor and was now practising solo circuits. On touching down for the fourth time, he felt the nose drop and the propeller struck the ground. The nose landing gear had collapsed and the aircraft veered to the left onto the grass at the side of the runway, coming to rest on

its nose and left wingtip. The pilot was "shocked but uninjured".

Neither the pilot, nor his instructor who had been watching from the control tower, could offer an explanation for the failure.