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Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna FA152 Aerobat, G-BFZU

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

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date & Time (UTC): 18 August 1994 at 1020 hrs

Location: Bodmin Airfield, Cornwall

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial to nose landing gear and propeller

Commander's Licence: Basic Commercial Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 28 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 2,300 hours (of which 2,000 were on type)
Last 90 days - 150 hours
Last 28 days - 70 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was undergoing a flight test for the revalidation of his Private Pilot's Licence. In preparation for the test, he had undergone three hours of dual instruction during the previous week. The accident occurred during landing and, while in the flare from a glide approach, with a slight crosswind, the student pilot allowed the airspeed to reduce and then pushed forward on the control column before the instructor could intervene. The aircraft struck the runway firmly and the instructor immediately took control with the intention of executing a go-around but, before he could do so, the aircraft pitched nose down and the propeller contacted the runway. The instructor aborted the takeoff and brought the aircraft to a halt on the runway.