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Aircraft: Cessna FRA 150L G-AZ0Z (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1972

Date and time (GMT): 5 March 1983 at 1315 hrs

Location: Andrewsfield, near Braintree, Essex

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew - 1 Passengers - Nil

Injuries: Crew - Nil Passengers - N/A

Nature of damage: Nosewheel and propeller tips bent, slight damage to cowling

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 28 years

Commander's total flying experience: 65 hours (of which 64 hours were on type)

The aircraft was on a flight from Elstree to Andrewsfield. It was the pilot's stated intention to touch down early in order to try and avoid a wet patch in the centre of the grass runway at Andrewsfield. On the initial touch down the aircraft bounced and touched down the second time on the nosewheel. The nosewheel and propeller tips were found to be bent, together with some damage to the air filter, sidewall, and cowling.