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

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

Year of Manufacture: 1981

Date and Time (UTC): 21 February 1989 at 1320 hrs

Location: Stapleford Airfield, Essex

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial - to nosewheel, propeller and forward bulkhead

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC, Night and Assistant Instructor Ratings

Commander's Age: 39 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 1,098 hours (of which 1,060 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and AAIB telephone enquiry

The handling pilot was undergoing the requisite check flight in order to renew his recency on the club's aircraft.

The aircraft made an approach to runway 22 in very good weather conditions, with the wind reported as calm. The instructor had asked the handling PPL holder to concentrate on the use of rudder and the effect of elevator trim during the approach. At the flare, the airspeed was a little high, the instructor pulled back the stick, the main wheels touched followed by the nosewheel, the leg of which then collapsed.

The occupants were wearing diagonal upper torso restraint and were uninjured.