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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 152, G-BNKI

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming 0-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1978

Date and Time (UTC): 23 January 1989 at 1235 hrs

Location: RAF Halton, Buckinghamshire

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear bent rearwards - engine mountings distorted

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 25 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 19 hours (of which all were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

A student pilot was flying a training detail of circuit and landings. The pilot reports that his first three landings were normal, but that on the fourth landing the aircraft bounced and, as he failed to maintain sufficient back pressure on the control column, subsequently landed firmly nose landing gear first. The nose landing gear was bent rearwards through about 40°, and the aircraft came to rest on the right side of the runway. The pilot vacated the aircraft without injury. The weather at the time was fine with a surface wind of 12 knots down the runway.