

Cessna F150M, G-FFEN, 8 May 1998 at 0840 hrs

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INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna F150M, G-FFEN
No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental O-200-A piston engine
Year of Manufacture: 1975
Date & Time (UTC): 8 May 1998 at 0840 hrs
Location: Elmsett Airfield, Suffolk
Type of Flight: Private
Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear broken
Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age: 21 years
Commander's Flying Experience: 57 hours (of which 50 were on type)
Last 90 days - 3 hours
Last 28 days - 2 hours
Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot had planned to complete some practice circuits at Elmsett Airfield where the runway in use for landing was Runway 05. This has a grass surface, which was dry, and an available landing distance of 2,621 metres, it also has an uphill gradient of 2.17%. The meteorological conditions were excellent and the surface wind was 160°/5-10 kt. Following a series of successful circuits and full stop landings the pilot positioned the aircraft for a final landing. All appeared normal until touchdown when the aircraft bounced at least twice and came to rest in a nose down attitude. The nose gear had collapsed.