

Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna F172M Skyhawk, G-BCCD

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-E2D piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1974

Date & Time (UTC): 19 August 1995 at 1720 hrs

Location: Biggin Hill Airport, Kent

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Burst nosewheel tyre, damage to lower firewall and lower cowling

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 49 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 100 hours (of which 9 were on type)
 Last 90 days - 25 hours
 Last 28 days - 11 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Following a local flight the pilot joined the circuit from the east for Runway 03. The weather was good and there was a light northerly surface wind. With 20° of flap selected the aircraft turned onto final approach and crossed the threshold with an airspeed of 70/75 kt. The pilot closed the throttle and the aircraft floated for longer than normal without the airspeed reducing. A heavy landing followed and, after one or two bounces, the pilot went around for a further circuit. On the second approach the aircraft crossed the threshold at about 65 kt and, after landing normally, the pilot found that control was difficult because of a punctured nosewheel tyre. He was cleared to vacate the runway onto the grass where the engine was shut down.