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Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna F152, G-BMFZ
No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-N2C piston engine
Year of Manufacture: 1985
Date & Time (UTC): 12 May 1992 at 1210 hrs
Location: Bodmin Airfield, Cornwall
Type of Flight: Private (training)
Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None
Injuries: Crew - Minor Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage: Substantial to nose landing gear, propeller and cowlings
Commander's Licence: Student Pilot
Commander's Age: 53 years
Commander's Flying Experience: 13 hours (all on type)
Last 28 days - 4 hours
Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was on his first solo using Runway 21 with a surface wind of 220°/20 kt. The runway is 480 metres long with a grass surface and a downslope. The pilot stated that the approach was good but, as he reduced power and flared the aircraft, the nose moved to the right and he felt the nosewheel dig into the runway. The aircraft tipped onto its nose and came to a rapid halt. Impact marks on the runway were noted some 21 metres from the threshold. The pilot's instructor stated that, although he was unable to see the flare and touch-down, the student had performed well during the one hour dual flight prior to his solo and that the circuit and approach had appeared normal.