

<b>No:</b> 3/90	<b>Ref:</b> EW/G90/01/08	<b>Category:</b> 1c
<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Cessna 152, G-BOPX	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1980	
<b>Date and Time (UTC):</b>	24 January 1990 at 1315 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Cranfield Aerodrome, Bedford	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Training	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Minor damage to underside of cowlings and a bent propeller	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Full Instructor Ratings	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	25 years	
<b>Commander's Total Flying Experience:</b>	830 hours (of which 700 were on type)	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Whilst taxiing for take-off, the aircraft had to pass over a drainage ditch which was covered by a steel grating. The grating collapsed under the weight of the nosewheel and the aircraft came to rest with its lower cowling resting on the lip of the drain. Neither occupant was injured and evacuated the aircraft without difficulty.