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| Aircraft Type and Registration: | Ikarus C42 FB100, G-WSSX | |
| No & Type of Engines: | 1 Rotax 912 ULS piston engine | |
| Year of Manufacture: | 2006 | |
| Date & Time (UTC): | 15 March 2007 at 1445 hrs | |
| Location: | Old Sarum Airfield, Wiltshire | |
| Type of Flight: | Training | |
| Persons on Board: | Crew - 1 | Passengers - None |
| Injuries: | Crew - None | Passengers - N/A |
| Nature of Damage: | Nose landing gear collapsed, propeller damaged and engine shock-loaded | |
| Commander's Licence: | Student Pilot | |
| Commander's Age: | 68 years | |
| Commander's Flying Experience: | 50 hours (of which 50 were on type) Last 90 days - 10 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours | |
| Information Source: | Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot | |

History of the flight

Following a number of dual circuits from Runway 24 at Old Sarum Airfield, the student pilot's instructor sent him off for his first solo circuit from the same runway. Whilst landing after completion of this circuit, the

student flared a little too high, the airspeed decayed, the nose dropped, and the aircraft landed heavily on its nose wheel. This caused the nose landing gear to collapse and the propeller to strike the ground.