

AAIB Bulletin No: 10/93

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna F152, G-BFHT

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1977

Date & Time (UTC): 31 July 1993 at 1430 hrs

Location: Lands End Airfield, Cornwall

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear collapsed, propeller bent and engine cowling, exhaust and front bulkhead damaged

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 55 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 89 hours (all on type)
Last 90 days - 4 hours
Last 28 days - 4 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot reports that after a 1 hour local flight he returned to overhead Lands End Airfield where he was cleared to make an approach and landing on the grass Runway 35. The approach was normal however, on touch down the aircraft bounced and, on its second contact with the surface, the nose landing gear collapsed. After the aircraft slid to a halt the pilot made all switches safe and he and his passenger vacated the aircraft without injury. The weather was fine with a surface wind reported as 290°/12 kt.