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Aircraft type and registration: Reims Cessna F172P G-BIDF

No & Type of engines: 1 Lycoming 0-320-D2J piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date and time (UTC): 28 September 1986 at 0948 hrs

Location: Southend Airport

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 2

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Substantial damage to the nose landing gear, propeller and firewall

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 27 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 42 hours (of which 5 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The surface wind at Southend Airport was 270°/5 knots. A normal approach was flown to runway 24, but the pilot misjudged the landing. After bouncing twice, a go-around was initiated by applying full power, however, the nosewheel struck the runway firmly and the nose landing gear collapsed. The aircraft came to rest to the left of the runway centreline and the occupants escaped without injury.