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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Long-EZ, N119EZ

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

**Year of Manufacture:** 1989

**Date & Time (UTC):** 12 July 1991 at 1350 hrs

**Location:** Birmingham Airport

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - 1

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Nose gear separated, abrasion of parking skid

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 28 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 2,325 hours (of which 103 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

During the take off run from Weston Zoyland airfield the pilot felt some nosewheel shimmy and as the aircraft was rotated he heard a bang. He observed, through a peep hole, that the nose gear had separated from the aircraft.

He had intended a flight to Staverton but, owing to weather conditions there, elected to divert to Birmingham where a landing was effected with minimal further damage. The rubber parking skid attached to the underside of the nose of this aircraft was partly abraded away.