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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 152, G-BPME

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-335-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1981

Date and Time (UTC): 28 April 1989 at 1348 hrs

Location: Lydd Airfield, Kent

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear collapsed resulting in substantial damage to underside forward fuselage and engine mountings

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 65 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 41 hours (of which 40 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was on a training flight from Headcorn aerodrome to Lydd airport. The pilot reports that he made a normal approach to runway 04 at Lydd, but that he rounded out too high and the aircraft bounced. Following two further bounces the aircraft landed heavily on the nose landing gear which collapsed. The pilot's diagonal upper torso restraint harness held during the impact and he vacated the aircraft without injury.