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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 172M Skyhawk, G-MUIL

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-E2D piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1975

Date & Time (UTC): 9 September 1994 at 1005 hrs

Location: Fenland Airfield, Lincolnshire

Type of Flight: Private (Training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial to both wingtips, nose landing gear and propeller

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 43 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 30 hours (of which 23 were on type)
Last 90 days - 13 hours
Last 28 days - 4 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was landing on Runway 26 with a surface wind of 250°/15 kt. During the flare, the aircraft started to turn to the left and the pilot attempted to correct the situation by the use of rudder. Despite the application of rudder, the left wingtip contacted the ground which caused a further swing to the left followed by a roll to the right which resulted in the right wingtip contacting the ground before the aircraft came to rest just off the runway. The pilot attributed the cause of the accident to his pulling the nose of the aircraft too high during the flare.