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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 152, G-OPJC

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

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date and Time (UTC): 15 June 1988 at 1445 hrs

Location: Stapleford Airfield, Essex

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear collapsed, propeller damaged, engine shock loaded

and lower cowlings buckled

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 46 years

Commander's Total
Flying Experience: 33 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Following a 30 minute dual instruction sortie, a student pilot was authorised to practice solo circuits for a further 30 minutes. On landing from the third circuit, the aircraft bounced twice before landing heavily on the nose landing gear which collapsed. The diagonal upper torso restraint held during the impact and the pilot vacated the aircraft without injury.