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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 152, G-SACA

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

Year of Manufacture: 1978

Date and Time (UTC): 20 October 1988 at 1645 hrs

Location: Shoreham Airport, Sussex

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew -1 Passengers -None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers -N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial damage to nose landing gear

Commander's Licence: Student pilot

Commander's Age: 41 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 31 hours (all of which were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by pilot

The pilot was carrying out a solo circuit consolidation detail. After the second touch-and-go landing the aircraft bounced and, although a successful take-off ensued, the pilot realised that some damage had been sustained by the nose landing gear. An airborne inspection by the crew of a Sussex police helicopter, confirmed this. During the subsequent landing roll, the pilot held the nosewheel off the runway as long as possible and shut down the engine before the aircraft came to rest. The aircraft sustained little further damage and the pilot escaped uninjured.