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Aircraft Type and Registration: Grumman AA-5A Cheetah, G-REEK

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-E2G piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1977

Date & Time (UTC): 8 September 1993 at 1110 hrs

Location: Southampton (Eastleigh) Airport, Hampshire

Type of Flight: Private (Training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Minor to propeller

Commander's Licence: Student pilot

Commander's Age: 54 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 25 hours (all on type)

Last 90 days - 4 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

and enquiries by the AAIB

The student pilot was carrying out a 'touch-and-go' landing on Runway 02 at Southampton (Eastleigh) Airport. The weather at the time was fine with a very light wind, good visibility and no significant weather. The pilot reported that, after bouncing several times during the landing, he over controlled the aircraft in pitch causing the propeller to strike the runway.

The club CFI, who was on the ground in another aircraft and witnessed the landing, transmitted to the student in the final stages of the landing to raise the nose of the aircraft. This, unfortunately, did not rectify the situation. The aircraft, which only suffered minor damage to the propeller, then cleared the runway and was taxied to its normal parking area where the shutdown checks were carried out.