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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 150M, G-GLED

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental O-200-A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1975

Date & Time (UTC): 2 February 1995 at 1343 hrs

Location: Elstree Aerodrome, Hertfordshire

Type of Flight: Private (Training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial damage to left wing

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 40 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 30 hours (of which 22 were on type)
Last 90 days - 16 hours
Last 28 days - 7 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the training organisation

After a period of dual circuit training, the student pilot was allowed to carry out a further training detail consisting of solo circuit flying. This was his third solo training flight. After a normal departure and first circuit, the aircraft touched down normally on Runway 26 but then veered to the left. It ran off the edge of the paved surface onto wet grass and the turn was further aggravated by the left mainwheel contacting an object in the long grass. At this point, the left wing hit a parked fuel bowser and the aircraft came to a halt with the left wing substantially damaged. There was no fire, and the pilot vacated the aircraft by the normal means.

Information from the Met Office indicated that the surface wind at the time was from 180°/10 kt.