

No: 2/83

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Aircraft: Cessna 152 G-BFKG

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date and time (GMT): 16 January 1983 at 1000 hrs

Location: Middle Wallop Aerodrome, Hampshire

Type of flight: Training

Persons on board: Crew - 1 Passengers - Nil

Injuries: Crew - Nil Passengers - N/A

Nature of damage: Nosewheel and leg broken off, propeller bent and damage to nose cowling underside

Commander's Licence: Nil - Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 44 years

Commander's total flying experience: 48 hours (of which 41 hours were on type)

Whilst taking off from the grass runway 25, just as it was becoming airborne, the aircraft struck a bird. The pilot, hearing a loud bang but being unaware of the cause, closed the throttle and abandoned the take-off. The nose gear struck the ground hard and was torn off and the aircraft came to rest approximately two thirds of the way up the runway.

A dead bird was found on the ground behind the aircraft.