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Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna F152, G-OPAM

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

Year of Manufacture: 1978

Date & Time (UTC): 14 July 1991 at 0845 hrs

Location: Stapleford Tawney airfield, near Romford, Essex

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

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

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 49 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 18 hours (all on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was flown by a student pilot who was practicing circuits and landings on runway 04. The weather was fine with no low cloud and a surface wind of 5 kts. The pilot reports that after completing three circuits normally, on her fourth approach she crossed the threshold too high and with the power off. Immediately after touchdown the aircraft bounced and then landed heavily when the nose landing gear collapsed. After a short ground run it came to rest and the pilot, who had been wearing full upper torso restraint harness which held throughout, released herself and vacated the aircraft without injury.