

Cessna F172H, G-AVIS

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna F172H, G-AVIS

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rolls-Royce O-300-D piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1967

Date & Time (UTC): 11 November 1998 at 1430 hrs

Location: Sandown Airfield, Isle of Wight

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Minor to right wingtip

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 46 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 173 hours (of which 132 were on type)
Last 90 days - 1 hour
Last 28 days - 1 hour

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was taxiing for Runway 23 and had been instructed to use the Northern taxiway because the Southern taxiway was boggy due to recent rain. As he approached the halfway point on the taxiway, the aircraft began a swing to the left which he was unable to control. The pilot assessed that a collision with an adjacent bank was inevitable and shutdown the engine. The aircraft struck the bank and tipped onto its right wing causing minor damage. The pilot transmitted a brief PAN call before evacuating the aircraft.

The pilot considered that the cause of the incident was the left wheel entering a patch of long grass on boggy ground.

