

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna F172L, G-AZXD	
No & type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-E2D piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1972	
Date & Time (UTC):	21 July 2006 at 1700 hrs	
Location:	Shobdon, Herefordshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Impact damage to outboard rib; wing bent back; rear spar buckled	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	60 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	308 hours (of which 26 were on type) Last 90 days - 22 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

The aircraft struck a parked trailer whilst taxiing.

History of the flight

The pilot reported that he landed on Runway 27. He then taxied back using Taxiway 'B' which runs from the western end of the runway, very close to the northern boundary, towards the parking area mid way along the field. Two large agricultural trailers were parked close to the taxiway, on a narrow grass strip separating it from the neighbouring potato field. One of the trailers

was positioned at a slight angle to the taxiway axis, and one corner of it was thus very close to or slightly overlapping the paved taxiway surface. Although the pilot manoeuvred the aircraft to avoid the obstruction, its left wing struck the corner of the trailer about 6 to 8 inches in from the tip.

Pilot's comment

In his report the pilot accepted that he had misjudged the available wing tip clearance.