

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28-160, G-ARVU	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-B2B piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1962	
Date & Time (UTC):	4 February 2007 at 1100 hrs	
Location:	Barton Aerodrome, Manchester	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - Nil	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to right wingtip of G-ARVU and to left wingtip of G-BYII	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	38 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	150 hours (of which 67 were on type) Last 90 days - 5 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was taxiing from the fuel pumps, after refuelling his aircraft, to a temporary parking area where he intended to pick up two passengers. Having monitored the left wing to ensure that it was clear of the pumps he looked over to the right wing. A combination of bright sun and a misted windscreen made it difficult for him to see out to the right at first; he then saw the wing of a parked aircraft to his right but was unable to stop in time to prevent a collision.

The parked aircraft was a low wing type and its left wing was positioned on the right side of the taxiway. G-ARVU was being taxied along the marked centreline of the taxiway. The pilot commented that his engine had not been running for long enough for the windscreen demist to be effective. He had also learned that if you can't see you should stop and, if necessary, exit the aircraft to assess the situation.