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Aircraft Type and Registration: Spitfire IXT Mk 9, G-TRIX

No & Type of Engines: 1 Packard Motor Car Co Merlin 262 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1944

Date & Time (UTC): 11 June 1994 at 1235 hrs

Location: Goodwood Aerodrome, West Sussex

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Minor to propeller and right wing under surface; damage to outer wing section and aileron of second aircraft

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 30 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 2,670 hours (of which 22 were on type)
Last 90 days - 109 hours
Last 28 days - 29 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was taxiing the aircraft on grass at 5 mph with idle power (800 RPM) selected, from the refuelling pumps along a line of parked aircraft towards a nearby hangar. During the taxi manoeuvre the fuel transfer pump warning light illuminated. The pilot glanced inside the cockpit to identify the light and select the pump switch 'OFF'. Whilst his attention was momentarily diverted the aircraft turned to the left and collided with a parked Piper PA-28 Warrior. After the collision the pilot shut down the engine and vacated the aircraft without injury. The Spitfire came to rest with its wing above that of the PA-28.