

Stampe SV4A (Modified), G-AZNK

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Stampe SV4A (Modified), G-AZNK

No & Type of Engines: 1 Gipsy Major 10 Mk 1 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1946

Date & Time (UTC): 22 August 1999 at 1410 hrs

Location: Redhill Aerodrome, Surrey

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Two dents to the landing gear strut and a slightly dented aerodrome sign

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 39 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 578 hours (of which 12 were on type)

Last 90 days - 15 hours

Last 28 days - 8 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was parked on the grass at Redhill. The pilot requested clearance to taxi from the Tower and he was instructed to taxi across the grass to the holding point for Runway 08. There were several other aircraft awaiting clearance to depart from Runway 08 and the holding area was congested. When the pilot was ready for departure he made the appropriate RTF call and was cleared for an immediate line-up. Whilst taxiing into position his attention was focussed on other aircraft around him which limited his room for manoeuvre. He taxied straight towards the runway and in so doing struck an 18 inch square marker board which he had not seen. He informed ATC and returned to the hangar to have the damage assessed.

The pilot attributed the incident partly to his inexperience on tailwheel type aircraft, partly to his unfamiliarity with Redhill aerodrome and partly to the congestion at the holding point which constrained his room for manoeuvring from side to side so as to keep a good view of the terrain ahead of him.

