

Aircraft Type and Registration: Druine D31 Turbulent, G-AWMR

No & Type of Engines: 1 Volkswagen 1390 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1970

Date & Time (UTC): 18 May 1995 at 1320 hrs

Location: Inverness Airport

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Tailskid separated; severe damage to entire empennage

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 35 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 103 hours (of which 2 were on type)
Last 90 days - 2 hours
Last 28 days - 2 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Whilst taxiing from the holding point towards the active runway, the tailskid of the aircraft caught in the metal protective arch across the top of a centreline light. This broke the lens of the light and removed the tailskid assembly from the aircraft.

The centreline lighting at the airport is presently being upgraded with flush fitting lights.