

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	1) Piper PA-28-161 Cherokee Warrior III, G-GFTB 2) Piper PA-28-180 Cherokee, G-BBHY
No & Type of Engines:	1) 1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine 2) 1 Lycoming O-360-A4A piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1) 1999 (Serial no: 2842048) 2) 1973 (Serial no: 28-7305474)
Date & Time (UTC):	23 July 2012 at 1530 hrs
Location:	Guernsey Airport
Type of Flight:	1) N/A 2) Private
Persons on Board:	1) Crew - None Passengers - None 2) Crew - 1 Passengers - None
Injuries:	1) Crew - N/A Passengers - N/A 2) Crew - None Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	1) Substantial damage to fuselage 2) Spinner, engine, propeller, right wing and windshields
Commander's Licence:	1) N/A 2) Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	1) N/A 2) 57 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	1) N/A 2) 466 hours (of which 429 were on type) Last 90 days - 34 hours Last 28 days - 10 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

With the intention of taxiing the aircraft a short distance to a nearby maintenance facility, the pilot boarded G-BBHY and closed the door, leaving the upper door latch unlatched. As the engine was already warm the pilot performed a hot start but, as he was reducing the throttle setting, he noticed that the door had opened. He reported that he "instinctively" let go of the throttle and grabbed the armrest of the door to close it. The aircraft had by this time started to accelerate along the

ground. The pilot's instinct again made him stamp his right foot on the right rudder pedal as if he were braking in a car. This aircraft does not have toe brakes fitted and this action made the aircraft veer to the right into the rear section of G-GFTB which was parked and unoccupied. Both aircraft received substantial damage.

The pilot stated that he would normally ensure that the parking brake was on but believed that he either forgot

to check this, or that the brake locking mechanism had somehow become disengaged. A subsequent check of the brake system found no faults.