

DH51 Moth, G-EBIR, 18 August 1996

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	DH51 Moth, G-EBIR
No & Type of Engines:	1 Airdisco Renault 120 BHP piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1925
Date & Time (UTC):	18 August 1996 at 1335 hrs
Location:	Old Warden Aerodrome, Near Biggleswade, Bedfordshire
Type of Flight:	Display
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to secondary airframe, propeller and possible shock loading to engine
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	46 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	4,966 hours (of which 1 was on type) Last 90 days - 61 hours Last 28 days - 16 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After an uneventful landing, the aircraft developed a swing to the left whilst taxiing back parallel to the runway. The wind was 160°/10 kt gusting. Before the swing could be controlled and the aircraft's progress arrested it collided with, and came to rest against, two parked cars. The engine stopped during the impact and the pilot, who later vacated the aircraft without injury, made safe the magnetos and fuel system. The pilot attributed the cause of the accident to his unfamiliarity in taxiing a non-braked tail-skid equipped aircraft in gusting tailwind conditions.