

**AAIB Bulletin No: 9/95**      **Ref: EW/G95/06/18**      **Category: 1.3**

**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Reims Cessna F150J, G-AXGG

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Continental O-200-A piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1969

**Date & Time (UTC):** 2 June 1995 at 1045 hrs

**Location:** Coventry Airport, Warwickshire

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - 1

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Significant fire damage to front cowl and carburettor intake

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings

**Commander's Age:** 19 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 130 hours (all on type)  
Last 90 days - 12 hours  
Last 28 days - 4 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Having parked the aircraft on the ramp to pay landing fees, the pilot attempted to restart the engine for the return flight, using normal hot start procedures. The engine proved difficult to start; the first attempt was terminated, and after 3 or 4 turns on the second attempt, passing ground crew indicated that flames could be seen below the propeller. The pilot called the emergency services and he and the passenger got out of the aircraft. The fire was quickly extinguished, but only after significant damage had been caused to the front cowl and the carburettor intake.

The reason for the fire is unknown, however, due to the damage, the carburettor is being replaced.