ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Socata TB9 Tampico, G-BHOZ
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-D2A piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1980
Date & Time (UTC):	13 July 2008 at 0955 hrs
Location:	Shobdon Airfield, Herefordshire
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to right wing skin panel
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	61 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	229 hours (of which 55 were on type) Last 90 days - 7 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Synopsis

As the aircraft taxied along the tarmac Taxiway B parallel to Runway 09, the pilot missed his intended right turn onto the parallel grass Taxiway B. The pilot candidly admits that this was due to a loss of concentration. Distracted by the missed turn, the pilot then failed to see and avoid a plastic safety barrier which had been installed around a hole in the taxiway. The right wingtip of the aircraft struck the barrier, resulting in minor damage to the wing leading edge.

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