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Aircraft Type and Registration: DH82A Tiger Moth, G-ANFW

No & Type of Engines: 1 De Havilland Gipsy Major 1C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1942

Date & Time (UTC): 8 August 1995 at 1250 hrs

Location: White Waltham Airfield, Berkshire

Type of Flight: Private (Training)

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Propeller destroyed and engine shock loaded; left gear strut collapsed and subsequent damage to tailplane and left wingtip

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence with Instructor Rating

Commander's Age: 42 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 10,575 (of which 500 were on type)
Last 90 days - 96 hours
Last 28 days - 53 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The commander was the handling pilot and was taxiing out prior to an instrument flying instructional flight. The surface wind was 090°/10 to 15 kt, visibility was good and the surface temperature was 25°C. During the taxiing, which was in a westerly direction, the commander had completed some gentle clearing turns and was demonstrating the normal instrument checks during the turn. The aircraft collided with a pile of stacked fences which had been there since the previous Sunday when a flying display had been held at the airfield.

The commander acknowledged the cause of the accident as poor lookout, compounded by the difficulty in turning because of the tailwind.