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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Aeronca 11AC Chief, G-AKVN	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental A75 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1946	
Date & Time (UTC):	10 April 1995 at 1400 hrs	
Location:	Priory Farm, Tibenham, Norfolk	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Main landing gear, engine cowls and underside of fuselage	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	26 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	94 hours (of which 8 were on type) Last 90 days - 12 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was taxiing the aircraft along the length of the airstrip in the 03 direction in preparation for takeoff on Runway 21. Midway along the strip, directional control was lost and the aircraft swerved to the left. Before it could be stopped it entered a five-foot wide ditch which bordered the entire length of the strip. The pilot stated that the accident was caused by the aircraft weathercocking into wind. At the time he was taxiing, the weather was CAVOK and the mean surface wind was from 270° at five to eight knots.