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Aircraft Type and Registration: Taylor Monoplane, G-BDAD

No & Type of Engines: 1 Volkswagen 1500 Peacock piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1976

Date & Time (UTC): 21 July 1991 at 1215 hrs

Location: Blackpool Airport, Lancashire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - None Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - N/A Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial damage to both wings and the landing gear. Propeller broken

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 28 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 55 hours (of which 5 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot, preparing to fly the aircraft which was syndicate owned, was unable to locate the checklist and, although he had not previously attempted to learn them, he carried out the pre-start checks from memory. Consequently, he forgot to place the chocks in front of the wheels and advanced the throttle a little too much. The aircraft was positioned beside a hangar and a parked tractor.

When the pilot hand-swung the propeller, the engine started, the aircraft moved forward and his efforts to restrain it by pushing on the left wing resulted only in the aircraft swinging around him and striking the hangar door and a vertical support to an adjacent hangar. During this event, his attempts to reach either the throttle or the magneto switches were unsuccessful.