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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.