

Tipsy Nipper T 66 Series 2, G-ARDY

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INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Tipsy Nipper T 66 Series 2, G-ARDY

No & Type of Engines: 1 Martlet VW piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1960

Date & Time (UTC): 20 November 2000 at 1520 hrs

Location: RAF Brize Norton, Oxfordshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - 1 (Minor) - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Wings and propeller

Commander's Licence: FAA Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 31 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 70 hours (of which 13 were on type)

Last 90 days - 10 hours

Last 28 days - 2 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft required the propeller to be hand swung to start the engine. It was standing on a grassed area with the brakes set. The pilot made several unsuccessful attempts to get the engine running, each time after firing a few times it stopped. The pilot then adjusted the throttle to a higher setting and tried again. This time the engine started and the aircraft started to move forwards. The pilot attempted to reach the throttle to stop the aircraft, but slipped and fell over. The aircraft travelled across a concrete area and stopped against a fabric covered hangar.