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Aircraft type and registration:	Cessna 182G G-ASUL	
No & Type of engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp 0-470-R piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1963	
Date and time (UTC):	30 January 1988 at 1600 hrs	
Location:	Tilstock Airfied, Whitchurch,Salop	
Type of flight:	Parachute dropping	
Persons on board:	Crew — 1	Passengers — 4
Injuries:	Crew — None	Passengers — None
Nature of damage:	Substantial — to right tailplane, elevator, and creasing of rear fuselage.	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	35 years	
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	695 hours (of which 7 were on type)	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.	

The aircraft was being taxied out for take-off with 4 parachutists on board. The perimeter track was bordered by a wire fence to the left of the aircraft, and a wooden fence on the right. The surface was reported as uneven.

At a point approaching the runway, the wooden fence converged towards the taxyway before again running parallel to it. The effect was to narrow the width of the taxyway.

The pilot reports that his forward vision was impaired because of the nose up attitude caused by the weight of the parachutists behind him. He looked aft to check their seating positions, and while doing so the uneven surface caused the tail to swing to the right. It was at this point that the wooden fence was coming close to the right side of the taxyway, and the right tailplane struck the fence.

The occupants were uninjured.