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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** 1) Aerotek Pitts S-2A, G-ODAH  
2) Piper PA-28-140 Cherokee, G-BAWK

**No & Type of Engines:** 1) 1 Lycoming AEIO-360-A1A piston engine  
2) 1 Lycoming O-320-E3D piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1) 1975 2) 1973

**Date & Time (UTC):** 10 June 1991 at 1330 hrs

**Location:** Newcastle International Airport, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1) 1 Passengers - None  
2) Unmanned None

**Injuries:** Crew - None Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** 1) Scuffed propeller  
2) Stabilator severely damaged.

**Commander's Licence:** Airline Transport Pilot's Licence with Instructor rating

**Commander's Age:** 53 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 8,869 hours (of which 90 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The Pitts Special was parked into a wind of approximately 270°/22 kt behind a line of parked aircraft on the south apron at Newcastle Airport. On starting to taxi the pilot initiated a right turn but his foot slipped off the right toe brake and the aircraft weathercocked to the left into wind. The Pitt's propeller struck the training edge of the Cherokee's stabilator; the Pitts was undamaged except for a scuffed propeller.