

Societe Wassmer Jodel D120A, G-BDEH

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INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Societe Wassmer Jodel D120A, G-BDEH	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp C90-14F piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1963	
Date & Time (UTC):	21 July 2002 at 1015 hrs	
Location:	Compton Abbas	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to propellor of G-BDEH and wing tip of parked Cessna 337A, G-HIVA	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilots Licence	
Commander's Age:	57 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	336 hours (of which 211 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 17 hours	
	Last 28 days - 4 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was taxiing towards two parked aircraft with the intention of parking in the gap between them. The aircraft on his left was a Cessna 337A, a high-wing type. The pilot placed his aircraft well to the left, such that his left wing would pass under the wing of the Cessna, giving him sufficient room to execute a 180° turn to park. Whilst concentrating on wingtip clearance with the aircraft on his right, the pilot failed to appreciate the proximity of his propeller to the Cessna's wingtip. The propeller contacted the Cessna's wingtip, damaging the navigation and strobe lights, tip fairing and outermost nose rib.

The pilot stated with hindsight, that he should have shut down the engine and man-handled his aircraft into the parking spot.