

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Aeronca 11BC Chief, G-BUTF	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental Motors Corp C85-8F piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1947	
Date & Time (UTC):	20 June 2012 at 1345 hrs	
Location:	High Easter Airfield, Essex	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Damage to rudder, tailplane, tailwheel, left wing and right main wheel	
Commander's Licence:	National Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	41 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	71 hours (of which none were on type) Last 90 days - 8 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot, who had not flown the aircraft type before, taxied the aircraft around the airfield, including a fast taxi along the runway to satisfy himself that he "felt confident at the controls". He then taxied to the beginning of the runway, lined-up and applied full power. At 25 to 35 mph and with the tail up, he felt the aircraft drifting to the left and applied right rudder to compensate. As he did so, the aircraft turned sharply

right. He lowered the tail and selected "power off" but the aircraft skidded into a crop to the right of the runway. The left wingtip, rudder, tailplane, tailwheel and right mainwheel were damaged before the aircraft stopped. The pilot believed that he accidentally depressed the right heel brake when applying the initial right rudder correction.