

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	(i) DH82a Tiger Moth, G-ANJA (ii) DR 400/140B Robin, G-GGJK (parked)
No & Type of Engines:	1 De Havilland Gipsy Major I piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1939
Date & Time (UTC):	28 August 2007 at 1210 hrs
Location:	Headcorn Airfield, Kent
Type of Flight:	Training
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2 Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	(i) G-ANJA - damage to lower left mainplane and gear (ii) G-GGJK - damage to left mainplane and flap
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	70 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	2,254 hours (of which 234 were on type) Last 90 days - 7 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Summary

The Tiger Moth was taxiing out and collided with a parked Robin DR400.

History of the flight

The handling pilot was being checked out on the type. He had 12,500 hours experience, including both military and commercial flying, and held a valid Airline Transport Pilot's Licence. He had previously satisfactorily completed a check on the PA-18, and had flown 169 hours in the last 90 days, of which 19 hours were in the last 28 days.

The commander reported that the handling pilot was taxiing slowly towards the runway and commenced

a turn. At about this time the commander's attention was distracted by an intermittent headset microphone problem. Both the handling pilot and the commander considered that there was sufficient clearance to avoid a parked Robin, however the Tiger Moth struck the Robin, damaging both aircraft. Nobody was injured.

The commander considered that the distraction caused by the intermittent headset was a factor, but accepted that it should not have been allowed to affect his airmanship.