

Cessna F172H, G-AWUZ

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INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna F172H, G-AWUZ

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental 0-300-D piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1968

Date & Time (UTC): 14 February 2001 1000hrs

Location: Henstridge, Somerset

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew -1 - Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - Nil - Passengers - Nil

Nature of Damage: Damage to the wing panel and wing tip

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 34 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 99 hours (of which 13 were on type)

Last 90 days - 5 hours

Last 28 days - 3 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After landing on Runway 07 at Henstridge, the pilot cleared the runway at the second exit and continued to taxi towards the fuel tanker at the end of the taxiway. Parked on the right side of the taxiway were two aircraft, and so the pilot kept over to the left in order to ensure adequate clearance. He then noticed another aircraft leaving the fuel tanker and, as this was positioned to his right, he slowed down and moved further to his left in order to allow the other aircraft to pass on his right side. A green hut was on the left side of the taxiway and having seen this some 20 metres to his left front, the pilot switched his attention to the other taxiing aircraft. As the other aircraft passed him, the pilot felt the left wing tip of his aircraft contact the hut. He immediately set the parking brake and switched off the engine.

The pilot concluded that all his attention had been focussed on the other aircraft and on reflection he should have stopped before the hut and allowed the other aircraft to pass before continuing to the fuel tanker.