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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Pitts S-2SE (amateur built, light, single-engined biplane), G-EWIZ

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming AEIO-540-D4A5 piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1981

**Date and Time (UTC):** 30 March 1989 at 1640 hrs

**Location:** Bournemouth (Hurn) Airport

**Type of Flight:** Private (pleasure)

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 Passengers - None

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

**Nature of Damage:** Minor damage to propeller, right inter-wing strut and forward right flying wire

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence with IMC Rating

**Commander's Age:** 52 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 642 hours (of which 97 were on type)

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

The aircraft was parked in the rear rank of a double row of aircraft on the west apron. After refuelling the pilot obtained clearance to taxi to a garage. He headed for a gap in the front rank left by an aircraft that had just moved away from ahead and obliquely to his left. Obscured from view by the nose of his own aircraft another aircraft lay ahead and only slightly to his left. He saw this aircraft only when its fin and rudder appeared above his engine cowling. He was unable to stop before his propeller and right interwing strut struck the tail of the parked aircraft causing substantial damage to its tail empennage.