

Piper L21B(Modified), G-BAFT

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper L21B(Modified), G-BAFT

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-A2A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1957

Date & Time (UTC): 19 December 1998 at 1315 hrs

Location: Sackville Airfield, Bedfordshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers 1

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Substantial to left wingtip, engine mounts and fuselage

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with Night Rating

Commander's Age: 59 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 68 hours (of which 18 were on type)
Last 90 days - 6 hours
Last 28 days - 2 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

While taxiing after a circuit detail, the left wingtip of the aircraft struck a fence post causing the aircraft to swing into the fence. Subsequent to the accident, the tyre of the tailwheel was found to be deflated.

The pilot considered that the cause of the accident was his taxiing too close to the fence and difficulty in controlling the aircraft due to the deflated tyre.