Yak-18T, RA44545

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Yak-18T, RA44545

No & Type of Engines: 1 Ivchenko Vedeneyev M-14P

turboprop engine

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date & Time (UTC): 14 March 2003 at 1225 hrs

Location: Popham, Hampshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Propeller, engine cowling, exhaust, steps

and flaps

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 67 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 1,329 hours (of which 94 were on type)

Last 90 days - 10 hours

Last 28 days - 6 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form

submitted by the pilot

Following an uneventful landing on the grass Runway 08 at Popham airfield, the pilot taxied to the end of the runway. As he was turning the aircraft toward the runway exit, at a speed of about 5 kt, he mistakenly selected the gear lever to UP. The landing gear then retracted, causing damage to the propeller, lower engine cowling, exhaust, access steps and the flaps. The pilot, who was uninjured, exited the aircraft unaided.

The pilot stated that his usual action after landing is to bring the aircraft to a halt. He would then raise the flaps and check that a bolt on the gear selector lever is in the 'locking' position, which should prevent the gear selector from being moved to UP.