

No: 9/88

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Stampe SV4C, G-AXHC

No & Type of Engines: 1 Renault 4 PO-3 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1946

Date and Time (UTC): 23 July 1988 at 1800 hrs

Location: Shipdham Airfield, Norfolk

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Propeller broken and damage to nose cowling

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 35 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 155 hours (of which 17 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot had refuelled his aircraft and started the engine by hand swinging the propeller before strapping himself into the cockpit. The engine then coughed and stopped and the pilot noticed that the fuel cock was in the closed position. The pilot turned the fuel cock on and checked that the magneto switches were on before leaving the aircraft to swing the propeller once more. The engine started and, due to an increased throttle setting, the tail of the aircraft lifted up. The pilot moved clear but was unable to reach the cockpit in time to prevent the aircraft from nosing over.