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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-38-112 Tomahawk, G-DTOO

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1978

Date & Time (UTC): 9 July 1994 at 1615 hrs

Location: Seething Airfield, Norfolk

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Substantial to both wings, propeller and fuselage

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC rating

Commander's Age: 46 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 118 hours (of which 103 were on type)
Last 90 days - 3 hours
Last 28 days - 3 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft had landed after completing an approach on Runway 24. The weather at the time was fine with a surface wind of 180°/8 kt. Because of other landing traffic, the pilot vacated the runway at the earliest opportunity, and continued along the taxiway to hold short of the runway threshold before crossing to the parking area. At approximately 100 metres along the north eastern section of the taxiway the aircraft slewed to the right and collided with a barbed wire fence and wooden fence poles. The pilot vacated the aircraft without injury.

The pilot reported that the accident was probably due to his lapse in concentration whilst taxiing.