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Aircraft type and registration: Cessna F177RG G-AYPH

No & Type of engines: 1 Lycoming 10-360-A1B6 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1971

Date and time (GMT): 4 July 1987 at 1530 hrs

Location: Armshold Farm, Gt Eversden, Cambridge

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — None

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Slight damage to leading edge of both wings and cowls

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 58 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 514 hours (of which 77 were on type)

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

The pilot reports that after a flight involving two landings away, when on both occasions the engine proved extremely difficult to start, on return to base the engine cowls were removed to see if anything obvious was amiss.

The mixture control was operated and its action observed. Then with the mixture selected to the full cut-off position the engine was turned briefly to observe if any fuel flow indicated. Totally unexpectedly the engine fired, ran up to high power momentarily and before it could be stopped, the aircraft shot forward hitting an obstruction with the left wing before damaging in sequence three aircraft parked in front. The nose struck the tailplane of a Miles Magister and the right leading edge struck the tailplane of a Rallye Cub which in turn was pushed forward into the port wing tip of an Emeraude.