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Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna FA152, G-BILK

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

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date & Time (UTC): 30 July 1991 at 1450 hrs

Location: Exeter Airport, Devon

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Dented port aileron and wing tip plus rippling to upper and lower surface skins of outer wing section

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence with IMC, Night and Instructor ratings

Commander's Age: 35 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 763 hours (of which 680 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The instructor and his student were carrying out pre-start cockpit checks whilst parked outside the flying club hangar when the aircraft's port wing was struck from behind by a van. The aircraft was spun around to the right and the van sustained a damaged windscreen; no one was hurt in either vehicle. The van driver claimed he was distracted by the presence of an airport fire tender on the taxiway in front of him.