

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	American AA-5 Traveller, G-AZVG	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-E2G piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1972	
Date & Time (UTC):	5 June 2008 at 1310 hrs	
Location:	Cranfield Airfield, Bedfordshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Engine shock-loaded, damage to propeller, spinner, lower cowling and wing	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	67 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,215 hours (of which 48 were on type) Last 90 days - 19 hours Last 28 days - 12 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

On taxiing after start the pilot turned to the left and collided with an aircraft parked alongside.

History of the flight

The flight was intended as a recency check on the pilot by an instructor. On taxiing after start the pilot applied left brake and left rudder which turned the aircraft towards a Robin light aircraft parked alongside. The instructor

warned the pilot that he was getting too close to the Robin, expecting him to steer to the right. Instead, the pilot increased power causing the aircraft to turn about its left wheel and collide with the Robin. The instructor stated he had attempted to prevent the collision by applying right brake and right rudder but could not counteract the inputs applied by the pilot in time.