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Aircraft type and registration: Reims Cessna F152 G-BLZE

No & Type of engines: One Lycoming O235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date and time (GMT): 12 April 1986 at 1645 hrs

Location: Redhill Aerodrome

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Serious damage to left wing

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 23 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 143 hours

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

Following a local flight from Redhill aerodrome, the aircraft made an uneventful landing on Runway 01. The pilot was advised by Redhill aerodrome flight information service (AFIS, callsign Redhill information) to vacate the runway onto the north/south taxiway and proceed as far as hold point alpha.

The pilot, who was not completely familiar with the airfield layout, turned left onto the taxiway. Shortly afterwards, he realised that point alpha was in the opposite direction and so executed a 180° turn and began to taxi in a southerly direction. Whilst travelling at a normal taxiing speed and concentrating on identifying point alpha, his passenger suddenly brought to his attention the presence of a road-roller vehicle parked across the edge of the taxiway on the left side. Despite immediate application of brake a collision occurred, with the left wing striking the vehicle approximately three feet in from the tip. The aircraft was immediately shut down and after Redhill Information became aware of the accident an airfield fire tender was despatched to the scene. There was no fire.

Damage to the aircraft was sufficient to require replacement of a wing, but no damage was reported to have occurred to the vehicle.

The road roller was parked on the airfield due to "work in progress", of which the pilot had been made aware by reading the relevant NOTAM before flight.