

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA34, N37US	
No & Type of Engines:	2 Teledyne Continental Motors TSIO-360 engines	
Year of Manufacture:	1980 (Serial no: 34-8070111)	
Date & Time (UTC):	11 April 2016 at 1300 hrs	
Location:	Jersey Airport	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	None	
Commander's Licence:	Commercial Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	88 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	6,000 hours (of which 3,000 were on type) Last 90 days - 3 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was to be test-flown following maintenance, and was parked in the aero club parking area, which is connected to the taxiway system by a paved private taxi route which is not designed to meet any particular standards. ATC cleared the pilot to taxi to the runway holding point, and he followed the taxi route centreline. Having reached the holding point, ATC informed the pilot that his aircraft's wing had contacted another aircraft parked beside the taxi route, and the flight was abandoned.

Inspection showed minor damage to the wingtip of a PA-28 which was parked adjacent to the taxi route.

Notwithstanding that the collision occurred while the aircraft followed a taxi route, rather than taxiway, the pilot's own analysis of the collision caused him to realise that following a taxiway centreline does not assure clearance from parked aircraft.