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Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna F152, G-BFKG

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

Year of Manufacture: 1978

Date and Time (UTC): 11 November 1989 at 1500 hrs

Location: Luton Airport, Bedfordshire

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Buckled right wing tip, propeller blade tips bent rearwards and engine shock loaded

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Assistant Instructor Ratings

Commander's Age: 26 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 680 hours (of which 500 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was taxiing out prior to a training flight from Luton Airport, and had been cleared by ATC to the holding point ECHO via the northern taxiway. On approaching ECHO the pilot noticed that it was occupied by a light aircraft that had just landed, and the pilot requested ATC permission to stop on the southern parking area in order to carry out engine run up checks. This was approved.

As the run up checks were being carried out a Boeing 757 aircraft, which was on the eastern taxiway, was cleared to enter the runway via the central entrance. As the 757 turned towards the runway its jet wash was directed directly towards G-BFKG causing it to roll to the right which resulted in the right wingtip and propeller striking the ground. The instructor stopped the engine, made switches safe and the two occupants vacated the aircraft without injury.

Due to the presence of other aircraft parked on the southern parking area, the position of G-BFKG would not have been visible from the control tower.