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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna F172M Skyhawk, G-BCZM

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-E2D piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1975

Date & Time (UTC): 21 April 1993 at 1715 hrs

Location: Bodmin Airfield, Cornwall

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 2

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Substantial to left wing

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 62 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 210 hours (of which 25 were on type)
Last 90 days - 3 hours
Last 28 days - 2 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was taxiing for departure along a one-way taxi route which passes in front of an airfield hangar. As the aircraft approached the southern corner of the building the pilot realised that he had not fastened the diagonal portion of his safety harness. While reaching behind for the strap, the pilot allowed the left wing to strike the building resulting in distortion of the wing structure.

The pilot reported that the accident was caused by over confidence and a momentary lapse in concentration.