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Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna FRA150L, G-BBNX
No & Type of Engines: 1 Rolls Royce O-200-A piston engine
Year of Manufacture: 1973
Date & Time (UTC): 13 February 1992 at 0900 hrs
Location: Blackbushe Airport, Hampshire
Type of Flight: Private
Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None
Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage: Minor damage to leading edge of left wing
Commander's Licence: Student Pilot
Commander's Age: 52 years
Commander's Flying Experience: 46 hours (all on type)
Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was preparing the aircraft for a solo cross country flight. After checking that the parking brake was applied and a normal engine start he was informed from the control tower that his anti-collision beacon was not rotating but was ON continuously. The pilot reports that he switched the beacon on and off several times and attempted to see out of the rear of the cockpit whether the beacon was functioning correctly. Whilst he was doing this he became aware that the aircraft was slowly moving forward. He immediately applied the brakes but was unable to prevent the aircraft's left wing making gentle contact with the wing of a stationary aircraft that was parked alongside. Subsequent examination revealed no faults in the aircraft's wheel brakes.