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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Rockwell Commander 112TC, G-SAAB

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming TO-360-C1A6D piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1976

**Date and Time (UTC):** 15 June 1989 at 1530 hrs

**Location:** Exeter Airport, Devon

**Type of Flight:** Private (pleasure)

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Damage to port wing and fuselage

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 71 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 805 hours (of which 200 were on type)

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

Prior to taxiing the aircraft was stationary, with engine running and collision avoidance light on. Unobserved by the pilot, a refuelling vehicle drove into a hangar ahead of him and parked with its rear end protruding through the open doors of the hangar towards the taxiway. When the aircraft taxied forward the pilot saw the vehicle too late to avoid a collision. After the accident the pilot said that because of the lack of contrast between the vehicle and its background it was difficult to see. He also stated later that he believed the vehicle reversed into his path shortly before he began to taxi.