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Aircraft type and registration:	Reims Cessna F172M G-YTWO	
No & Type of engines:	1 Avco Lycoming 0-320-E20 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1979	
Date and time (GMT):	27 November 1987 at 1420 hrs	
Location:	Sandtoft Airfield, Doncaster, S Yorks	
Type of flight:	Private (pleasure)	
Persons on board:	Crew — 1	Passengers — 1
Injuries:	Crew — None	Passengers — None
Nature of damage:	Minor — to left wing	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	25 years	
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	55 hours (of which 7 were on type)	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.	

The aircraft was parked heading in a north-westerly direction and the engine starting drills were carried out. There was a tied down Cessna 172 off the left wing tip, and the pilot had observed a loose tie-down cable on the taxyway to the right of his aircraft, so he elected to make a 270° turn to the right onto a south westerly heading in order that he could taxy out the way he had come in.

During the turn the pilot ensured that his left wing-tip cleared an adjacent hangar and then transferred his attention to the right wing-tip of his aircraft which was now passing behind the tied-down Cessna 172 on a south westerly heading. The left wing-tip then collided with the open left-hand gate of a fuel bowser cage which had not been pushed fully open and "housed". The pilot considers the position of the sun ahead of the aircraft to have been a contributory factor.

The left wing suffered relatively minor damage to the rear spar, leading edge, and associated wing skin.