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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-38-112, G-BGRK

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

Year of Manufacture: 1979

Date & Time (UTC): 24 April 1991 at 1025 hrs

Location: Isle of Wight Airfield, Sandown, I.O.W.

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to port wing leading edge and tip

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with Instrument rating

Commander's Age: 60 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 11,400 hours (of which 26 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Whilst taxiing along the parallel grass taxiway towards the threshold of runway 23 the pilot's attention was distracted by his passenger who queried whether his door was correctly latched. Whilst the pilot inspected the door, he inadvertently allowed the aircraft to turn left and the port wing struck a boundary fence post.