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**Aircraft Type and Registration:
No & Type of Engines:**

Cessna 185, 5H-PVT
One Continental IO-470F

Serial No. 0546

Year of Manufacture:

1963

Date & Time (UTC):

7 July 1999 at 1302 hours.

Location:

Arusha airport

Type of Flight:

Private

**Persons on Board:
Injuries:**

Crew	-	1	Passengers	-	Nil
Crew	-	NIL	Passengers	-	N/A

Nature of Damage:

Crew	-	Nil	Passengers	-	N/A
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Commander's Licence:

PPL

Commander's Age:

33 years

Commander's Experience:

800 hours of which about 600 were on type
Last 90 days: 40 hours
Last 28 days: 15 hours

Information Source:

AIB field investigations

The aircraft flew from Laivera farm and landed at Arusha at 1300 hours. It taxied through the crowded apron and proceeded for parking in front of Agricair hangar. The pilot, who was the only occupant, reported that when he was about to reach the parking position he heard a bang and suspected that he had hit a chock. He subsequently applied brakes and shut down the engine. However, he later realised that the propeller had struck and damaged the back of a car which was parked to the right of the aircraft. The visible damage to the aircraft was confined to the propeller.

The controller who was in the Tower said that he could no longer see the aircraft at the time of the accident. The aircraft was outside the control zone and the pilot had already switched off the radio at the material time.

The apron at Arusha airport is often very crowded and the limited space between the apron and the hangars is at times used for parking aircraft and cars. Pilots said they were forced to park their cars on the air side of the airport for security.



5H-PVT
Damage confined to
the propeller



Area of
damage

Arusha airport



The car was
parked here

