

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199502500**

**de Havilland Aircraft
Tiger Moth**

05 August 1995

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Occurrence Number: 199502500 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Jandakot, Aerodrome
State: WA **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Saturday 05 August 1995
Time: 0800 hours **Time Zone** WST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: de Havilland Aircraft
Aircraft Model: DH-82A
Aircraft Registration: VH-NOV **Serial Number:** 1088
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Jandakot WA
Departure Time:
Destination: Jandakot WA

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	240.0	690

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The pilot was taxiing the aircraft for takeoff at the time of the accident. He had been manoeuvring the aircraft from one side of the taxiway to the other in an attempt to maintain adequate forward visibility. The pilot was wearing his goggles, because of a cold wind, and the sun was in a position that reduced visibility significantly. He observed another aircraft immediately ahead and despite closing the throttle and applying the brakes the two aircraft collided. The other aircraft was stationary on the taxiway whilst the pilot completed the pre-takeoff check list.

Visibility from the Tiger Moth's rear cockpit during taxi is less than optimum at the best of times. It is probable that the sun glare momentarily distracted the pilot and he did not see the stationary aircraft until it was too late to avoid it.