

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198400042**

Beechcraft E-33

12 October 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198400042
Location: Emerald QLD
Date: 12 October 1984
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1135

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	3
Total	0	0	0	4

Aircraft Details: Beechcraft E-33
Registration: VH-ENU
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Business Travel
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Emerald QLD
Departure Time: 1130
Destination: Mackay QLD

Approved for Release: 26th March 1985

Circumstances:

After take-off the pilot noticed that the airspeed indicator was fluctuating between 40 and 60 knots irrespective of the aircraft's actual speed. He elected to land again but, with his attention directed towards the faulty airspeed indicator, he forgot to lower the landing gear prior to touchdown. Although no fault was subsequently found with the airspeed indicating system, it was probable that a partial blockage of the pitot tube had occurred. The pilot was relatively inexperienced on the aircraft type and had not previously flown this particular aircraft .