

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199703383**

**Burkhart Grob Flugzeugbau
Grob**

14 October 1997

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Occurrence Number: 199703383 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Jandakot, Aerodrome
State: WA **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Tuesday 14 October 1997
Time: 1315 hours **Time Zone** WST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Burkhart Grob Flugzeugbau
Aircraft Model: G-115C2
Aircraft Registration: VH-ZTN **Serial Number:** 82077/C2
Type of Operation: Instructional Dual
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	Commercial	150.0	471

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The aircraft had been parked in a recently opened grass parking bay. Whilst the aircraft was taxiing from the parking area onto a taxiway, the aircraft's left main landing gear wheel sank in soft sand on an unmarked irrigation outlet. The metal plate covering the outlet was not supported on one side. The wheel ran onto the unsupported side of the plate, causing it to flick up and puncture the underside of the wing and fuel tank. Exit routes from the parking area were not marked and the path taken by the pilot was not normally used.

Local Safety Action

The airport authorities are intending to clearly mark parking area entry and exit routes.

