

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199400218**

**Glaser-Dirks Flugzeugbau GmbH
Dg-200**

11 January 1994

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Occurrence Number: 199400218 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Benalla
State: VIC **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Tuesday 11 January 1994
Time: 1400 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Glaser-Dirks Flugzeugbau GmbH
Aircraft Model: DG-200
Aircraft Registration: VH-GWU **Serial Number:**
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Benalla VIC
Departure Time: 1213 ESuT
Destination: Benalla VIC

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command		1.5	110

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The pilot was making his first flight in the aircraft type having done check flights in two other glider types on the previous day. After a 90 minute local flight he returned to the airfield and joined the circuit for a landing on the 080 degree strip.

The pilot reported that the approach was normal until just before touchdown when he closed the airbrakes. At this point the glider ballooned to approximately two metres above the ground and the airspeed decayed to less than 40 knots. The glider touched down heavily, hitting the ground tail first.

The investigation revealed that the pilot had misinterpreted information from an instructor regarding the use of the air brakes during landing. This resulted in the pilot using a faulty landing technique.

