

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198403578**

**Pitts S1-S**

**2 December 1984**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198403578 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Location:** Emkaytee (30 km SE of Darwin) NT

**Date:** 2 December 1984 **Time:** 0859

**Highest Injury Level:** Nil

**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Pitts S1-S

**Registration:** VH-IGZ

**Serial Number:**

**Operation Type:** Aerobatic Display

**Damage Level:** Destroyed

**Departure Point:** Darwin NT

**Departure Time:** 832

**Destination:** Emkaytee NT

**Approved for Release:** 28th May 1985

**Circumstances:**

At the conclusion of an aerobatic display the pilot performed an inverted circuit, rolling upright as the strip was sighted on final. On short final the aircraft descended below the desired flight path and the pilot applied power. The aircraft responded but the right gear leg caught on a power line 5 metres agl and 330 metres from the threshold. The aircraft struck the ground in a steep nose down attitude and came to rest inverted. The inverted circuit had been conducted at between 50 and 100 feet above the tops of the trees.