

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198500654**

**Stephens AKRO 2
Pitts S-2A**

3 April 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198500654
Location: Darwin NT
Date: 3 April 1985
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1849

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	2	2
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	3

Aircraft Details:	Stephens AKRO 2	Pitts S-2A
Registration:	VH-KGZ	VH-KIT
Serial Number:		
Operation Type:	Formation Flying For Photography	Formation Flying For Photography
Damage Level:	Substantial	Substantial
Departure Point:	Delissaville NT	Delissaville NT
Departure Time:	1849	
Destination:	Darwin NT	

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Circumstances:

The aircraft were part of a four aircraft formation taking part in a photography session. On return to Darwin it was intended that the aircraft land one after the other on the same runway. The first aircraft landed and the pilot requested a clearance to turn off the runway onto a cross strip. A clearance was not available due to other traffic on that strip and the pilot was instructed to continue taxiing along the runway. As the second aircraft commenced the flare for landing it collided with the aircraft already on the runway. The flight had been poorly planned and the briefing conducted before DEPARTURE was inadequate. The pilot flying the second aircraft to land was inexperienced on the aircraft type and had no formation flying experience.