

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198501393**

Wittman W8 Tailwind

9 March 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198501393
Location: Mt. Beauty VIC
Date: 9 March 1985
Highest Injury Level: Minor
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 935

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

Aircraft Details: Wittman W8 Tailwind
Registration: VH-SLA
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Pleasure
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Moorabbin VIC
Departure Time: 0935
Destination: Mitta Mitta VIC

Approved for Release: 8th July, 1985

Circumstances:

Enroute to his planned destination the pilot flew around the Mt. Beauty area for several minutes. He had not previously landed at the strip and had not intended to on this occasion, however after watching other aircraft operating a decision to land was made. A go-around was made from the first approach as the aircraft was high on late final. Touchdown from the subsequent approach was made well into the strip and the aircraft bounced. A go-around was initiated but while turning to avoid trees the left wing struck the ground and the aircraft cartwheeled, coming to rest inverted. Witnesses reported that during the go-around the aircraft adopted a steep nose high attitude but did not climb. The turn left was initiated whilst the aircraft was in this attitude. No fault was subsequently found with the engine or associated systems. The pilot had probably established the aircraft in a steeper than normal attitude because of the presence of a hill adjacent to the strip.