

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198700719**

**Burkhart Grob Astir CS**

**1 February 1987**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198700719 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Location:** 4km SW of Bond Springs NT

**Date:** 1 February 1987 **Time:** 1548

**Highest Injury Level:** Minor

**Injuries:**

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

**Aircraft Details:** Burkhart Grob Astir CS

**Registration:** VH-GDZ

**Serial Number:** 1339

**Operation Type:** Private-Gliding

**Damage Level:** Destroyed

**Departure Point:** Bond Springs NT

**Departure Time:** 1215

**Destination:** Bond Springs NT

**Approved for Release:** August 18th 1987

**Circumstances:**

The pilot was carrying out local gliding in the Bond Springs area attempting to achieve a flight time of five hours which would qualify him for a Silver C certificate. He had flown away from the vicinity of the airfield in search of lift. On returning to the airfield he became aware that he would be unable to reach the airfield and selected the only suitable area to carry out a landing. The aircraft failed to make the selected area and struck a tree during the approach, subsequently impacting the ground on the right wing and slewing through 180 degrees before coming to rest.