

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199003124**

Winton Sapphire

13 May 1989

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199003124 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Alstonville (18km E Ballina) NSW
Date: 13 May 1989 **Time:** 1045
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Winton Sapphire
Registration: AUF 25-0151
Serial Number: N/K
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Alstonville QLD
Departure Time: 1045
Destination: Alstonville QLD

Approved for Release: 4th June 1990

Circumstances:

It was reported that the engine lost power at a height of about 250 feet after takeoff. The pilot attempted to turn back towards the DEPARTURE strip but the aircraft stalled and struck the ground heavily before coming to rest against a fence.