

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198702383**

Glasflugel Standard Libelle

25 January 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198702383 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Pipers Field (12 km NNW Bathurst) NSW
Date: 25 January 1987 **Time:** 1400
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: Glasflugel Standard Libelle
Registration: VH-GBN
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Private (Gliding)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Pipers Field NSW
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Pipers Field NSW

Approved for Release: April 16th 1987

Circumstances:

The pilot was approaching to land at the end of a soaring flight. There was turbulence in the circuit area, with a moderate crosswind for the landing direction. The pilot realised he was overshooting his planned touchdown point, and side-slipped the glider to lose height. At the conclusion of this manoeuvre the glider was some 1000 feet in from the threshold. It then landed heavily and bounced, before a second heavy touchdown occurred. The pilot had evidently been distracted by the presence of another glider and a tug aircraft at the strip threshold, and probably by the wind strength and turbulence.