

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198404514**

Glas-Flugel Libelle H201B

26 December 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198404514

Location: Narrikup WA

Date: 26 December 1984

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1245

	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: Glas-Flugel Libelle H201B

Registration: VH-GGY

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Gliding

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Narrikup WA

Departure Time: 1245

Destination: Narrikup WA

Approved for Release: 5th February 1985

Circumstances:

The glider was launched by being towed behind a motor vehicle. After the glider became airborne, the pilot signalled to the vehicle driver to slow down. The vehicle driver slowed the vehicle too quickly, the tow rope slackened and the rope drogue deployed. The tow rope then released from the glider. Because of the position of the tow rope, below the glider, the pilot did not immediately lower the nose, the glider stalled at about 15 feet agl and landed heavily.