

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198702432**

Alexander Schleicher K7

31 October 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198702432
Location: Gulgong NSW
Date: 31 October 1987
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1430

	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: Alexander Schleicher K7
Registration: VH-UKY
Serial Number: 889
Operation Type: Aerial Work (Instructional Solo)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Gulgong NSW
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: Gulgong NSW

Approved for Release: 11 May 1988

Circumstances:

The pilot was attempting to complete a solo flight of at least one hour duration as part of the qualification for the issue of a C Gliding Certificate. Witnesses reported that during the winch launch, the glider lifted off too early, and then assumed the climb attitude before sufficient airspeed had been obtained. The pilot stated that she released from the winch cable when she became aware that the airspeed was too low. At about the same time the right wing dropped and the aircraft turned through about one and a half revolutions before impacting the ground with the right wingtip. The pilot had attempted to correct for the wing drop with aileron control inputs, which were ineffective at the low airspeed.