

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199000111**

Maxair Drifter A-503

01 September 1990

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199000111 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 4km East of King Edward River Station WA (305km W Kununurra WA)
Date: 01 September 1990 **Time:** 745
Highest Injury Level: Serious
Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Maxair Drifter A-503
Registration: AUF 25-0316
Serial Number: DR89-0372
Operation Type: Sport Aviation
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Muster Yard
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: King Edward River Station
WA

Approved for Release: 10th October 1990

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that the aircraft engine suffered a partial power loss as he was climbing out from a water hole inspection. Pumping the choke lever restored some power, however he was eventually forced to stall the aircraft into the tops of some tall trees. The aircraft fell approximately 30 feet to the ground with the pilot receiving back injuries during the fall.