

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198802422**

Gemini Thruster 503

20 December 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198802422
Location: Inverell North Airfield NSW
Date: 20 December 1988
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: Gemini Thruster 503
Registration: 25-0091
Serial Number: N/A
Operation Type: Sport Aviation
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Inverell North NSW
Departure Time: 1700
Destination: Inverell North NSW

Approved for Release: 27th October 1989

Circumstances:

The aircraft departed the airfield in calm conditions and flew to a point about 35 kilometres to the south-east. On his return the pilot positioned the aircraft to land on runway 09. The aircraft was struck by a strong wind gust which lifted the right wing and caused the aircraft to veer to the left. The pilot was unable to regain directional control before the aircraft collided with a boundary fence. The wind was reported to be variable in direction at five to ten knots. This accident was not the subject of a formal on-scene investigation.