Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198801408

Romainian IS 28B2

3 December 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198801408 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Benalla VIC

Date: 3 December 1988 **Time:** 1143

Highest Injury Level: Minor

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Romainian IS 28B2

Registration: VH-GII **Serial Number:** 202

Operation Type: Aerial Work **Damage Level:** Substantial **Departure Point:** Benalla VIC

Departure Time: 1139

Destination: Benalla VIC

Approved for Release: March 6th 1989

Circumstances:

The pilot had been flight checked for solo flying in the morning prior to the accident. On the first solo circuit when on approach to land the pilot realised the glider was lined up too close to several gliders parked in line ahead on the airfield. The approach was made in a light cross wind from the left. The pilot corrected in the wrong direction for the misalignment, compounding the problem. As the airbrakes had not been deployed the glider was unable to be landed beyond the parked gliders. After touchdown, despite an attempt to avoid the raised right wing of the closest glider, the left wing of the landing glider struck the right wing tip of the parked glider, swinging the landing glider toward the next aircraft in line. The left wing of the landing glider struck the right wing of this second glider, resulting in substantial damage to both aircraft. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.

Significant Factors:

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

- 1. Pilot inexperience.
- 2. Parked gliders reduced landing area available.
- 3. Glider unable to land beyond parked gliders due low approach.
- 4. Incorrect control input under stress of situation.
- 5. Club operating procedures contributed toward accident.