

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198701427**

**Edmond Schneider ES60 (Boomerang)**

**19 February 1987**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198701427  
**Location:** Euroa VIC  
**Date:** 19 February 1987  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Time:** 1805

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Edmond Schneider ES60  
(Boomerang)  
**Registration:** VH-GQW  
**Serial Number:**  
**Operation Type:** Private (Gliding)  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Euroa VIC  
**Departure Time:** 1800  
**Destination:** Euroa VIC

**Approved for Release:** April 14th 1987

**Circumstances:**

The glider was winch launched to a height of 900 feet above the ground. The pilot was unable to find any strong lift, and when the glider had descended to 600 feet the pilot rejoined the circuit for landing. Some sink was experienced on the downwind leg and the glider was only about 200 feet above the ground when the base turn was made. During the turn onto final approach, the right wing of the glider struck the ground. The aircraft swung sharply to the right and subsequently landed heavily. There was no other traffic in the area and the pilot could have modified his circuit and landed on a cross-strip. It was likely that he had attempted to land the aircraft close to the winch launch cable to facilitate the next flight.