

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198503553**

Maxair Drifter

29 August 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198503553 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Vergemont Station (130 km WSW Longreach) QLD
Date: 29 August 1985 **Time:** N/A
Highest Injury Level: Minor
Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Maxair Drifter
Registration: Not Registered
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Sport Aviation
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Vergemont Station QLD
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: Vergemont Station

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Circumstances:

Some time prior to the attempted flight problems had developed with the right wheel assembly. Another pilot had carried out maintenance on the assembly and had subsequently test flown the aircraft. A short time later the pilot concerned boarded the aircraft and prepared for take-off. During the latter stages of the take-off roll, the right wheel slewed sideways, directional control was lost, and the aircraft collided with a fence. The reason why the right wheel slewed sideways was not determined. This accident was not the subject of an on scene investigation.