

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198703532**

Drifter XP 503

29 August 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198703532 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Meriman Station (150 km SW Longreach) QLD
Date: 29 August 1987 **Time:** 815
Highest Injury Level: Minor
Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Drifter XP 503
Registration: Not Registered
Serial Number: N/K
Operation Type: Sport Aviation
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Meriman Station QLD
Departure Time: 0815
Destination: Meriman Station QLD

Approved for Release: September 24th 1987

Circumstances:

On arrival at the property, the pilot landed the aircraft in front of the homestead. A short time later he departed with the property owner on board for a cattle spotting flight. On returning to land, again in front of the homestead, the aircraft hit a single powerline, pitched nose up and fell to the ground inverted. The pilot stated that he was not aware of the presence of the powerline prior to colliding with it.