

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198703524**

Rutan Vari-eze

7 December 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198703524
Location: Gladstone QLD
Date: 7 December 1987
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1655

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	2

Aircraft Details: Rutan Vari-eze
Registration: VH-EZH
Serial Number: N65
Operation Type: Private (Pleasure)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Thangool QLD
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Gladstone QLD

Approved for Release: May 26th 1988

Circumstances:

The pilot had only limited experience on the aircraft type. He reported that when he commenced the final approach, the aircraft was positioned above the normal approach profile with a higher than normal airspeed. The correct airspeed and approach profile was regained but the pilot was slow with the use of power to correct the rate of descent. The aircraft subsequently landed heavily on the mainwheels and when the nosewheel contacted the runway the nosegear leg failed. This accident was not the subject of an on-scene investigation.