

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report**  
**198903840**

**Thruster T500**

**11 June 1989**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198903840  
**Location:** Helidon QLD  
**Date:** 11 June 1989  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

	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:** Thruster T500  
**Registration:** N/A  
**Serial Number:** N/K  
**Operation Type:** Sport Aviation  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Toogoolawah QLD  
**Departure Time:** N/K  
**Destination:** Kooralbyn QLD

**Approved for Release:** 14th September 1989

#### **Circumstances:**

The aircraft was running low on fuel so the pilot elected to land in a paddock close to a town. The wind at the time was west-north-westerly with a strength of about 30 knots. Just before touchdown the pilot felt a gust of wind from the south-west and attempted to correct for the drift. The right landing gear struck a ridge and was torn from the aircraft. This accident was not the subject of a formal on scene investigation.

#### **Significant Factors:**

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

1. The wind was strong and varying in direction and speed.
2. The pilot attempted a landing on terrain unsuitable for the conditions.