

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198800717**

Champion 7-FC

17 May 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198800717
Location: Strathalbyn SA
Date: 17 May 1988
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1715

	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: Champion 7-FC
Registration: VH-UEJ
Serial Number: 7FC-281
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Strathalbyn SA
Departure Time: 1710
Destination: Strathalbyn SA

Approved for Release: 12/08/1988

Circumstances:

The aircraft had recently been returned to service after a landing accident which involved a failure of the right maingear. The pilot had only flown the aircraft once since the accident and was conducting circuit training to restore his currency. On his second circuit, the landing was heavier than normal and on the right side of the grass strip. During the landing roll, the pilot heard an unusual noise and the right wing dropped slightly. Despite efforts by the pilot, the aircraft veered off the right side of the strip into soft plowed ground and came to rest on the right wingtip. Examination of a broken rear bracing tube of the right maingear showed that it had failed in overload. There was no evidence of a pre-existing fault, however, the possibility that the failed component had been weakened in the previous accident could not be discounted.