

Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198501395

Zenith CH 200

26 March 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198501395

Location: Dixons Creek VIC

Date: 26 March 1985

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 720

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

Aircraft Details: Zenith CH 200

Registration: VH-MAD

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Positioning

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Moorabbin VIC

Departure Time: 0720

Destination: Dixons Creek VIC

Approved for Release: 13th May, 1985

Circumstances:

Initial touchdown occurred about one third of the way along the 518 metre strip. A slight bounce followed and as soon as the aircraft had settled on the ground again the brakes were applied. There was no noticeable retardation and the pilot attempted to go around. The nosewheel struck a gable marker just prior to the boundary fence, and the left mainwheel contacted the top strands of the fence. The fuselage was punctured by a fence post and the pilot abandoned the take-off attempt. An inspection of the strip immediately after the occurrence revealed a very heavy dew on the short, thick grass surface.