

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198602315**

Grob Astir CS

15 February 1986

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This accident was not subject to an on scene investigation.

Occurrence Number: 198602315 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Bunyan (16 km North Cooma) NSW
Date: 15 February 1986 **Time:** 1502
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

	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: Grob Astir CS
Registration: VH-WVM
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Private (Gliding)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Bunyan NSW
Departure Time: 1450
Destination: Bunyan NSW

Approved for Release: August 1st 1986

Circumstances:

The pilot was making a landing approach and intended to touch down at the threshold of the strip. The strip had recently been mown and its edges were clearly defined, however it was surrounded by long grass. Touchdown occurred short of the threshold, the left wing entered the long grass and the glider ground looped. There was no operational reason for the pilot to attempt to land at the threshold of the strip. The grass surrounding the strip was higher than the pilot anticipated.