

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198702390**

Mooney M20-J

26 February 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198702390
Location: Wee Waa NSW
Date: 26 February 1987
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: N/A

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

Aircraft Details: Mooney M20-J
Registration: VH-IJL
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Charter (Passenger)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Wee Waa NSW
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: Tamworth NSW

Approved for Release: April 28th 1987

Circumstances:

When preparing for the return leg of a charter flight, the pilot discovered that the engine starter motor would not engage. He elected to hand-start the engine, and briefed the passenger on the operation of the controls. No wheel chocks were employed. When the engine started, the aircraft commenced to move and the passenger's efforts to control the aircraft were ineffective. After travelling about 20 metres the aircraft ran into a ditch and the engine stopped after the propeller struck the ground.