

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198602369**

SVX1 Farmate

24 April 1986

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Occurrence Number: 198602369
Location: 30km West of Balranald NSW
Date: 24 April 1986
Highest Injury Level: Fatal
Injuries:

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

Occurrence Type: Accident
Time: 1700(Aprx)

Aircraft Details: SVX1 Farmate
Registration: Not Registered
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Miscellaneous (Sport Aviation)
Damage Level: Destroyed
Departure Point: Hazelwood Station NSW
Departure Time: 1700(Aprx)
Destination: Hazelwood Station NSW

Approved for Release: July 15th 1986

Circumstances:

The pilot had intended carrying out a flight around the property. When he had not returned by nightfall his parents rang neighbours before commencing a search. The wreckage of the aircraft was found two kilometres north-east of the homestead. It had struck the ground while in a steep nose-down attitude, in a paddock with no obstructions in the immediate vicinity. Investigation revealed that the engine throttle cable was broken, however it was not established whether this had occurred before or after the impact. The wreckage distribution was typical of that which follows a stall with insufficient height remaining in which to effect recovery. However, the reason the aircraft apparently stalled could not be determined.