Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198702397

Cessna 180-G

20 March 1987

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| Occurrence Number: Location: Date: Highest Injury Level: Injuries: | | Albury NSW 20 March 1987 | | | Occurrence Type: Accident Time: 1533 | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------|---------|---|------|
| | | | 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: | Cessna 180-G | | | | | |
| Registration: | VH-DJS | | | | | |
| Serial Number: | | | | | | |
| Operation Type: | Private (Business) | | | | | |
| Damage Level: | Substantial | | | | | |
| Departure Point: | Deniliquin NSW | | | | | |
| Departure Time: | 1430 approx | | | | | |
| Destination: | Albury NSW | | | | | |

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Circumstances:

The pilot was making a landing approach in moderate crosswind conditions. He commenced the flare at about 15 feet above the runway, with the intention of touching down in a three-point attitude. The aircraft sank rapidly, touched down and bounced to about 10 feet. The pilot maintained rearward pressure on the control column, but did not apply power. The nose of the aircraft dropped sharply and the propeller struck the runway. The aircraft subsequently overturned, coming to rest on the runway centreline. The pilot had completed a check flight on the aircraft the previous day. Conditions during the check flight were more demanding than those at the time of the accident. It was likely that the pilot relaxed his concentration as he flared the aircraft for landing, and was unprepared when the aircraft bounced and subsequently stalled.