Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198903852

Rotec Rally

12 November 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198903852 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 15 km W Charters Towers QLD

Date: 12 November 1989 **Time:** 900

Highest Injury Level: Serious

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Rotec Rally Registration: 95-0514 Serial Number: 670037 Operation Type: Private Damage Level: Destroyed

Departure Point: 15 km W Charters Towers

Departure Tome: QLD
Departure Time: N/A

15 km W Charters Towers

Destination: OLD

Approved for Release: 3rd January 1990

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that he encountered windshear on final approach. He had made allowance for the gusty turbulent conditions and was approaching with full power when the aircraft began to sink towards a power line which was strung across the approach path. The pilot stated that he managed to avoid the wire with the mainwheels but the tailwheel struck the wire, and arrested the forward motion of the aircraft. The aircraft then crashed to the ground from a height of about 50 feet. The pilot was aware of the presence of the wire on the approach path prior to the accident.

Significant Factors:

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

- 1. The pilot encountered windshear.
- 2. The pilot was unable to avoid a power line on final approach.