

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198403579**

Stits SA6B

1 December 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198403579
Location: Aldinga (38 km S Adelaide) SA
Date: 1 December 1984
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	2

Aircraft Details: Stits SA6B
Registration: VH-ULB
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Private - Pleasure
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Aldinga
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: Aldinga

Approved for Release: 24th January 1985

Circumstances:

After installing his passenger in the aircraft, the pilot hand swung the propeller, the normal means of starting the engine. When the engine fired it ran up to high power and the aircraft jumped the chocks. The pilot attempted to stop the aircraft but it continued forward and collided with the side of a hangar. The nose gear collapsed and the wooden propeller shattered as the aircraft came to rest on its nose. During the pre-start checks the pilot believes he set the throttle almost fully open by mistake. The aircraft handbrake was unservicable.