

Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198402348

Cirrus-VTC

14 October 84

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Occurrence Number: 198402348

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 5 km South of Ballan VIC

Date: 14 October 84

Time: 1530

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

	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: Cirrus-VTC

Registration: VH-GOM

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Cross-country practice

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Bacchus Marsh VIC

Departure Time: 1430

Destination: Bacchus Marsh VIC

Approved for Release: 5th March 1985

Circumstances:

Following the loss of thermal activity the pilot elected to land in a paddock where the 5-10 knot wind would produce a right crosswind and downwind component for landing. During the base leg, which was commenced from a low height, the pilot realised that his groundspeed was high. The turn to finals was conducted at 60 knot indicated airspeed and up to 45 degrees of bank to avoid overshooting the final path. Dive brake was applied during the turn to increase the glider's descent angle but the glider stalled. During the recovery the glider collided with trees.