

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198601432**

Pitts S1-E

12 October 1986

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Occurrence Number: 198601432
Location: Leongatha VIC
Date: 12 October 1986
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1400

	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: Pitts S1-E
Registration: VH-WIZ
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Private (Practice)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Leongatha VIC
Departure Time: 1400
Destination: Leongatha VIC

Approved for Release: May 12th 1987

Circumstances:

The pilot was flying one of three similar aircraft in practice for a forthcoming aerobatic display. The three aircraft carried out a stream landing, with the pilot of the subject aircraft intending to land to the left of the centre of the strip. Shortly after a normal touchdown, the aircraft encountered a soft area of the strip and subsequently overturned, coming to rest 85 metres from the initial point of touchdown. The display team had had no prior indication of any soft areas on the strip surface.