

Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198701436

Auster J5P

14 June 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198701436

Location: 2 km SE of Balliang VIC

Date: 14 June 1987

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1640

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	2
Total	0	0	0	3

Aircraft Details: Auster J5P

Registration: VH-BYW

Serial Number: 3136

Operation Type: Private (Pleasure)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Point Cook VIC

Departure Time: 1600

Destination: Point Cook VIC

Approved for Release: November 11th 1987

Circumstances:

The pilot was carrying out practice circuits for type familiarisation. Landings were being made into wind and on the first touchdown the aircraft bounced and the pilot carried out a go-around. On the next approach, the aircraft bounced on touchdown to about 10 feet above the ground, and the pilot held the elevator control back and opened the throttle rapidly, intending to go around. The engine failed to respond and the aircraft landed heavily, collapsing the left maingear. No defect was found with either the engine or the failed gear tubing that could have contributed to the accident. The misjudged landing flare was probably a result of the pilot's lack of familiarity with the aircraft type. The recovery was initiated too late and the lack of response from the engine was most likely due to the throttle being opened too rapidly.