

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198402332**

Evans VP1

19 May 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198402332
Location: St. Arnaud VIC
Date: 19 May 1984
Highest Injury Level: Serious
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: N/A

	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: Evans VP1
Registration: Not Registered
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Pleasure Flight
Damage Level: Destroyed
Departure Point: St. Arnaud VIC
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: St. Arnaud VIC

Approved for Release: 6th March, 1985

Circumstances:

The pilot, who had not previously flown this type of aircraft, intended to carry out a circuit and landing. The take-off was reported to be normal, but at a height of about 20 feet agl engine noise ceased and the aircraft nosed down steeply. It struck the ground heavily in a nose low, wings level attitude. It was determined that the fuel tap was still turned off when the take-off commenced and the engine had failed because of fuel starvation. The pilot had been unable to prevent the subsequent stall and had insufficient height remaining to regain control before impact with the ground.