

Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198003991

Beech 23

9 March 1980

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Occurrence Number: 198003991

Location: 8 km North-east of Loxton SA

Date: 9 March 1980

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1445

	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: Beech 23

Registration: VH-CDF

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Positioning

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Strip 2.5 km from

Departure Time: 1440 Destination

Destination: 8 km North-east of Loxton SA

Approved for Release: 14th October 1985

Circumstances:

The pilot, who had recently purchased the aircraft, had arranged to fly it from an adjacent property to a strip he had had prepared on his property. Just after touchdown, the left wheel broke away from the aircraft and the aircraft veered left and ran off the the strip. The strip on the pilot's property was 285 metres in length and 20 metres wide and the surface covered in soft, fine soil. It is probable that the failure that resulted in the wheel being dislodged was caused by the wheel being retarded in the soft soil.