Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198202468

IS-28B2

6 November 1982

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Occurrence Number: 198202468 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Benalla VIC.

Date: 6 November 1982 **Time:** 1003

Highest Injury Level: Fatal

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: IS-28B2 **Registration:** VH-GVW

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Gliding **Damage Level:** Minor **Departure Point:** Benalla VIC

Departure Time: 956

Destination: Benalla VIC

Approved for Release: 28th February 1984

Circumstances:

The pilot was making his second solo flight at the completion of a one-week gliding course. On the landing approach the glider was seen to be undershooting with the speed brakes extended. As the approach continued the undershoot increased but the speed brakes remained extended. The glider struck a fence, bounced across a road and struck a second fence at the aerodrome boundary. A fence wire rode over the nose, shattering the canopy and decapitating the pilot. No contributory fault was found with any of the components of the glider. The pilot misjudged the final approach.