

Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198902583

Grob-Werke G115

24 October 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198902583

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Bankstown Airport NSW

Date: 24 October 1989

Time: 1315

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

	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: Grob-Werke G115

Registration: VH-TGU

Serial Number: 8087

Operation Type: Aerial Work

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Bankstown Airport NSW

Departure Time: N/K

Destination: Bankstown Airport NSW

Approved for Release: 6th November 1989

Circumstances:

The student pilot was returning from his first solo trip to the training area where he had been practicing steep turns. He made a straight in approach for Runway 11 Left. The current Terminal Information (ATIS) reported the wind as 060 degrees 10 to 15 knots, crosswind mean 8 maximum 13 knots. As the aircraft touched down it started to drift to the right. The pilot attempted to correct this with rudder and started to apply power. The aircraft ground looped to the left through 45 degrees. The nose leg failed and the propeller contacted the runway. The aircraft came to rest on the grass to the left of Runway 11 Left. This accident was not the subject of a formal on-scene investigation.

Significant Factors:

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. Pilot inexperience.
2. Improper compensation for wind conditions.