

Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199002030

Transavia PL-12

29 November 1990

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199002030 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Tallangatta VIC
Date: 29 November 1990 **Time:** 1030
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: Transavia PL-12
Registration: VH-IJS
Serial Number: 1240
Operation Type: Aerial Work
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Tallangatta VIC
Departure Time: 1030
Destination: Albury NSW

Approved for Release: 26th February 1991

Circumstances:

The pilot had completed a superphosphate spreading operation, from an agricultural strip, and was about to take off on a ferry flight to Albury. As the aircraft commenced the take off the pilot was distracted when a drink bottle fell from his seat and began to roll between the rudder pedals. As he retrieved the bottle, the aircraft became airborne and drifted to the left. When the pilot looked up, a loader vehicle was immediately ahead, on the left side of the strip, and a collision was unavoidable. The aircraft sustained serious damage when it hit a structure on the vehicle. About 18 centimetres of one propeller blade was removed, the nosegear leg was displaced rearwards and the right mainwheel separated from the aircraft. The pilot contacted the loader driver to ascertain the extent of the damage. He then decided to continue the flight to Albury where emergency services were alerted for his arrival. The aircraft was landed on the grass strip beside the sealed runway but overturned as it neared the end of the landing roll.