

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198702462**

Winton Sapphire

25 September 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198702462 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Doyalson Air Park NSW

Date: 25 September 1987

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: Winton Sapphire

Registration: Not Registered

Serial Number: N/K

Operation Type: Private(Sport Aviation)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Doyalson Air Park NSW

Departure Time: 1030

Destination: Doyalson Air Park NSW

Approved for Release: November 3rd 1987

Circumstances:

The pilot had borrowed the aircraft from his brother to carry out some taxi training. He had previously flown gliders. After making about 20 runs along the strip the aircraft became airborne, the pilot decided to continue with the takeoff as he was uncertain if the aircraft could be stopped in the remaining available strip. The aircraft collided with trees at the end of the strip and became wedged in the tree tops. The pilot escaped from the aircraft uninjured and had to climb down the tree to the ground. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.