

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198803521**

**Maxair Drifter**

**14 September 1988**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198803521                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Coromar (32 km NW of Dalby) QLD  
**Date:** 14 September 1988                      **Time:** 1600  
**Highest Injury Level:** Minor  
**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	0	0
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Maxair Drifter  
**Registration:** N/A  
**Serial Number:** N/K  
**Operation Type:** Sport Aviation  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Chinchilla QLD  
**Departure Time:** N/K  
**Destination:** Coromar QLD

**Approved for Release:** 6 May 1989

**Circumstances:**

The pilot reported that he was delivering the aircraft to the new owner. The normal strip at the property was unserviceable so the use of another strip had been arranged. No mention was made by the owner of a powerline crossing near the end of the strip. The aircraft struck the powerline on late final approach and fell to the ground tail first. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.

**Significant Factors:**

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

1. Inadequate briefing, on the strip, obtained by the pilot from the strip owner.
2. The pilot did not adequately inspect the area prior to making a landing approach.