

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198501386**

Transavia PL12

6 February 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198501386

Location: 8 km East of Deloraine TAS

Date: 6 February 1985

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1000 approx

	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 PL12

Registration: VH-MLJ

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Agricultural spraying

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Deloraine TAS

Departure Time: 1000 approx

Destination: Deloraine TAS

Approved for Release: 1st July, 1985

Circumstances:

At the conclusion of spraying operations the pilot initiated a climb enroute to his destination. Almost immediately, the engine failed completely and the pilot was committed to a landing in a barley crop. During the landing roll the nosewheel was broken off and the aircraft overturned. The aircraft was at about 100 feet agl when the engine failed and the most suitable area available required that the landing be made downhill on a soft surface. A skid to the right after touchdown caused the nosegear to fail. The cause of the engine power loss could not be established.