

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199702068**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
Centurion**

25 June 1997

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199702068 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Bankstown, Aerodrome
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Wednesday 25 June 1997
Time: 1420 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 210L
Aircraft Registration: VH-MHC **Serial Number:** 21059610
Type of Operation: Instructional Dual
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Bankstown NSW
Departure Time:
Destination: Bankstown NSW

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Senior Commercial	37.0	1000
Other Pilot	Private		140

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The flight was the first exercise for a type endorsement. After some upper air work had been completed in the training area the aircraft returned to Bankstown for circuits and landings.

The instructor reported that the student was having difficulty with flaring the aircraft and was occasionally ballooning the landing. It was therefore decided to terminate the exercise after the next landing. The final approach was normal but the aircraft again ballooned. Before the instructor could effect recovery action, the aircraft stalled and contacted the runway heavily, collapsing the nose landing gear. Both occupants vacated the aircraft without injury.