

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199702723**

**Airparts (NZ) Ltd
Fletcher**

22 August 1997

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Occurrence Number: 199702723 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 32km E York
State: WA **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Friday 22 August 1997
Time: 0920 hours **Time Zone** WST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Airparts (NZ) Ltd
Aircraft Model: FU-24/A4
Aircraft Registration: VH-BBM **Serial Number:** 136
Type of Operation: Miscellaneous Ferry
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Northam WA
Departure Time:
Destination: Hyden WA

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	5000.0	6700

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The pilot reported that, on a ferry flight back to Hyden from Northam, following a .37 periodic maintenance inspection, he encountered fog ahead along track. As a precautionary measure, the pilot decided to land in a paddock to wait for the fog to clear. He made several passes over the paddock to ensure it was suitable before attempting to land. As the aircraft touched down, the right main wheel struck a rock, hidden in grass, causing the right oleo to collapse from overload.

