

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199703015**

**Airbus
A320**

15 September 1997

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Occurrence Number: 199703015 **Occurrence Type:** Incident
Location: Melbourne, Aerodrome
State: VIC **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Monday 15 September 1997
Time: 1342 hours **Time Zone:** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Airbus
Aircraft Model: A320-211
Aircraft Registration: VH-HYF **Serial Number:** 027
Type of Operation: Air Transport Domestic High Capacity Passenger
Scheduled
Damage to Aircraft: Nil
Departure Point: Melbourne VIC
Departure Time: 1342 EST
Destination: Perth WA

Approved for Release: Thursday, September 18, 1997

Circumstances

The aircraft was departing from runway 16 and had been cleared via a RADAR THREE DEPARTURE CRENA to Perth, with an assigned heading of 290. This procedure requires the aircraft to turn after passing 4 DME. VH-HYF was observed on radar to commence a right turn at about 2 DME.

The crew reported that the correct procedure had been briefed. As the aircraft passed 3 DME, the non-flying pilot was occupied on the radio and the flying pilot commenced the turn without checking the departure chart. The non-flying pilot noticed the error when he had completed the radio communications and advised the flying pilot.

