Aviation Safety Investigation Report 199703748

Beech Aircraft Corp Bonanza

07 November 1997

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Occurrence Number:	199703748	Occurrence Type	e: Accident		
Location:	Moorabbin, Aerodrom	e			
State:	VIC	Inv Category:	4		
Date:	Friday 07 November 1	997			
Time:	1130 hours	Time Zone	ESuT		
Highest Injury Level: None					
Aircraft Manufacturer: Beech Aircraft Corp					
Aircraft Model:	A36				
Aircraft Registration:	VH-EUM	Serial Number: E-25	55		
Type of Operation:	Instructional Dual				
Damage to Aircraft:	Substantial				
Departure Point:	Moorabbin Vic.				
Departure Time:					
Destination:					

Crew Details:

	Hours on		
Role	Class of Licence	Type Hours Total	
Pilot-In-Command	ATPL	500.0	4650

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The instructor was conducting a dual check on a licensed pilot in a Bonanza which did not have dual brakes. The pilot under check started the engine and was about to taxy when he inadvertently applied a large amout of power which made the aircraft lurch forward. The instructor immediately told him to apply brakes but the pilot was startled and expected the instructor to apply brakes. The instructor then tried to shutdown the engine by closing the throttle and selecting mixture to idle cut off but he was momentarily hampered by the student's hand still on the throttle. The instructor simultaneously tried to steer the Bonanza to the left between parked aircraft but was unsuccessful. The Bonanza struck the front of a Cessna 172 parked almost opposite about 15 m away. The Bonanza's propeller was almost stopped when it slashed the leading edge of the Cessna's right wing. The Bonanza's right wing also struck the Cessna's lower left engine cowl below its propeller.

The pilot being checked on the Bonanza advised that he had never been in a Bonanza before and that the instructor's preflight briefing was mostly concerned with the performance of the Bonanza. He found that the Bonanza layout was very different to the Cessna 172 and the Piper PA28s which he had been flying recently. At the time of the accident the student was unaware that the instructor did not have brakes and he was not expecting the large power response from the throttle setting selected.