

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199601714**

**Vans Aircraft
Vans RV-6**

30 May 1996

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Occurrence Number: 199601714 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Darwin, Aerodrome
State: NT **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Thursday 30 May 1996
Time: 0827 hours **Time Zone** CST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Vans Aircraft
Aircraft Model: RV-6
Aircraft Registration: VH-TAQ **Serial Number:** DN18
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point:
Departure Time:
Destination:

Crew Details:

| Role | Class of Licence | Hours on Type | Hours Total |
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| Pilot-In-Command | Private | 11.6 | 374 |

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The pilot requested taxi clearance for departure from runway 11, but as this runway was not available due to maintenance being carried out on the arrestor cable, he was instructed by air traffic control to taxi for runway 18, and advised of a 9 knot crosswind component.

During take-off the pilot lost directional control and the aircraft ground looped to the left, collapsing the right landing gear leg. The aircraft came to a stop at the intersection of runways 36/18 and 29/11.