

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199500859**

**Beech Aircraft Corp
Sundowner**

26 March 1995

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Occurrence Number: 199500859 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Denman
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Sunday 26 March 1995
Time: 1300 hours **Time Zone:** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Beech Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: C23
Aircraft Registration: VH-LFS **Serial Number:** M 2284
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Hoxton Park NSW
Departure Time: 1126 EST
Destination: Denman NSW

Crew Details:

| Role | Class of Licence | Hours on Type | Hours Total |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Pilot-In-Command | Private | 77.6 | 170 |

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The aircraft was making an approach to a gravel surfaced strip in CAVOK, light wind conditions with no turbulence. The pilot reported that full flaps were extended and a final approach speed of 75 knots was maintained until touch down, which was slightly short of the strip threshold.

The right main wheel struck soft ground, dislodging the right main landing gear. As the aircraft continued onto the strip the remaining landing gears were also dislodged, resulting in major damage to the aircraft. All four occupants were able to exit the aircraft safely.