

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199502954**

**Alexander Schleicher Gmbh & Co
K4 Rhonlerche II**

02 September 1995

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Occurrence Number: 199502954 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Spring Mount Airstrip
State: QLD **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Saturday 02 September 1995
Time: **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Alexander Schleicher Gmbh & Co
Aircraft Model: K4 Rhonlerche II
Aircraft Registration: VH-XJP **Serial Number:**
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Spring Mount Airstrip QLD
Departure Time:
Destination: Spring Mount Airstrip QLD

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command		18.0	21

Approved for Release: Thursday, September 14, 1995

The glider released from the tug at about 500 ft and flew a modified circuit, turning on to final approach at about 150 ft. The pilot attempted to deploy the spoilers but operated the cable release lever by mistake. This resulted in the aircraft overshooting the intended landing point. The pilot continued with the landing. At the completion of the landing roll, as the aircraft was turned off the strip, it collided with a termite mound.