Aviation Safety Investigation Report 199504025

Beech Aircraft Corp Debonair

04 November 1995

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number:	199504025	Occurrence Type	: Accident	
Location:	Caloundra, (ALA)			
State:	QLD	Inv Category:	4	
Date:	Saturday 04 November 1995			
Time:	1115 hours	Time Zone	EST	
Highest Injury Level: None				
Aircraft Manufacture	r: Beech Aircraft Corp			
Aircraft Model:	35-B33			
Aircraft Registration:	VH-UPR	Serial Nur	nber: CD-615	
Type of Operation:	Non-commercial Pleasure	/Travel		
Damage to Aircraft:	Substantial			
Departure Point:	Coolangatta QLD			
Departure Time:				
Destination:	Caloundra QLD			
Crew Details:				

	Hours on		
Role	Class of Licence	Type Hours	s Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	1.8	136

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The pilot flew the aircraft with an instructor on the day before the accident flight. The instructor said that the pilot had not flown recently, and the pilot had not previously flown a Beechcraft Debonair. The next day the pilot proceeded to Caloundra with two passengers as planned. Witnesses at Caloundra airport saw the aircraft approaching to land. The aircraft was very high over the runway, and when it was obvious a landing could not be accomplished, the pilot carried out a go-around. The aircraft was seen making a second approach which was also very high, but not as high as the first. The pilot continued the approach, and the aircraft was seen to flare high and fast. The aircraft then landed nosewheel first and "wheelbarrowed" along the runway. The witnesses said it appeared that the engine had not been throttled back, as the aircraft did not slow down until it ran off the end of the runway into soft ground causing the nosegear to collapse.

The pilot was contacted and said that he had submitted a report, however, no report has been received. A check with the operator and the insurance loss assessor revealed that they had not received a report.