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Schempp-Hirth GmbH & Co. KG JANUS

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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: 199504281 Occurrence Type: Incident

Location: Bacchus Marsh, Aerodrome

VIC State: **Inv Category:**

Date: Sunday 03 December 1995

Time: 1130 hours Time Zone **ESuT**

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Schempp-Hirth GmbH & Co. KG

Aircraft Model: **JANUS**

Aircraft Registration: VH-GVU **Serial Number:**

Type of Operation: Instructional Check

Damage to Aircraft: Minor

Departure Point: Bacchus Marsh Vic

Departure Time:

Destination: Bacchus Marsh Vic

Approved for Release: Thursday, January 11, 1996

A solo rated pilot was undertaking a check flight with a highly experienced instructor. Operations were from the 01 strip with a 20 to 25 knot wind gusting from the northwest. While the glider was in flight a decision had been made to cease operations due to the inclement weather conditions. During the landing the sols pilot was unable to maintain directional control and the glider weathercocked.

The instructor was not able to take over and recover the situation before the glider collided with a parked glider severing one metre from its right wing.