

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199400258**

**Auster Aircraft Ltd
J5**

02 February 1994

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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: 199400258 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Bathurst
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Wednesday 02 February 1994
Time: 1245 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Auster Aircraft Ltd
Aircraft Model: J5
Aircraft Registration: VH-KSL **Serial Number:** 2813
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Practice
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Bathurst NSW
Departure Time:
Destination: Bathurst NSW

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	150.0	1065

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The pilot reported he was practising crosswind landings on runway 08. The wind was estimated as 135/15 occasionally gusting to 180/30. The approach was normal but as the aircraft was flared for touchdown, at a height of about five feet, a sudden gust lifted the right wing. The left mainwheel contacted the ground heavily and the left main landing gear collapsed. The aircraft yawed violently to the left, collapsing the right maingear before the aircraft came to a halt.