

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199400258**

**Auster Aircraft Ltd  
J5**

**02 February 1994**

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**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:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on</b>	
		<b>Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
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.