

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199400575**

**Intermountain Manufacturing Co  
A-9A**

**08 March 1994**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199400575                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** 10km NW Korumburra  
**State:** VIC    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Tuesday 08 March 1994  
**Time:** 1145 hours                                      **Time Zone** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** Minor  
**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	Total
Crew	0	0	1	0	1
Ground	0	0	0	0	0
Passenger	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Intermountain Manufacturing Co  
**Aircraft Model:** A-9A  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-MPN    **Serial Number:** 1127  
**Type of Operation:** Commercial      Aerial Agriculture/Baiting  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Destroyed  
**Departure Point:** Korumburra VIC  
**Departure Time:** 1141 EST  
**Destination:** Korumburra VIC

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	6.0	308

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The pilot had been spreading superphosphate in a paddock to the north of the strip. To get to the paddock the aircraft had to climb over hills. This was achieved with the assistance of updraughts off the hills. On the accident flight the pilot found the updraughts were not present and the aircraft was not climbing adequately. Concerned that he would not be able to clear trees ahead the pilot dumped the load and attempted to turn left. The aircraft struck a tree and spun to the ground. The pilot escaped from the wreckage but the aircraft caught fire and was destroyed.