

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199401317**

**Mooney Aircraft Corp  
Mooney**

**19 May 1994**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199401317                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Mount Augustus  
**State:** WA    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Thursday 19 May 1994  
**Time:** 1330 hours                      **Time Zone** WST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Mooney Aircraft Corp  
**Aircraft Model:** M20J  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-ECH                      **Serial Number:** 24-0869  
**Type of Operation:** Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Meekatharra WA  
**Departure Time:** 1130 WST  
**Destination:** Mt Augustus Station WA

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Private	60.0	210

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The pilot elected to go around when the aircraft bounced following a fast approach. During the go around sequence, the left wing and the propeller touched the ground and the engine stopped. The pilot was able to recover and land next to the runway.