

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199401640**

**LET National Corporation
Blanik**

12 June 1994

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Occurrence Number: 199401640 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Bogong Park
State: VIC **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Sunday 12 June 1994
Time: 1649 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: LET National Corporation
Aircraft Model: Blanik L13
Aircraft Registration: VH-GAQ **Serial Number:**
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Practice
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Bogong Park VIC
Departure Time: 1648 EST
Destination: Bogong Park VIC

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	None	40.0	140

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The glider was being winch launched. On the initial climb at a height of about 300 feet the winch cable failed. The pilot made a modified circuit, with the base leg half way along the strip. Touchdown was well into the strip. The pilot realised the glider would hit the fence at the end of the strip so he attempted to lift it over the fence. The glider came down on top of the fence, catching the left wing. It then swung left and the right wing hit a tree.

Significant Factors

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident:

1. Winch cable failure.
2. Insufficient altitude after the winch cable failure to ensure a successful circuit and landing.