

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199401788**

**Beech Aircraft Corp  
Baron**

**09 July 1994**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199401788                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Brisbane QLD  
**State:** QLD    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Saturday 09 July 1994  
**Time:** 1747 hours                                      **Time Zone** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Beech Aircraft Corp  
**Aircraft Model:** 58  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-SXS                      **Serial Number:** TH181  
**Type of Operation:** Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Maryborough QLD  
**Departure Time:** 1717 EST  
**Destination:** Bundaberg QLD

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When the landing gear was selected down for landing at Bundaberg, the landing gear motor was heard to operate only momentarily before the landing gear circuit breaker popped, and a burning smell entered the cabin. The circuit breaker was reset and again the landing gear motor appeared to function only momentarily before the circuit breaker tripped. The pilot advised that he then tried unsuccessfully to lower the landing gear using the manual emergency extension. A decision was then taken to return to Brisbane where a "gear up" landing was carried out. All five occupants were able to exit the aircraft safely.

