

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199401851**

**Cessna Aircraft Company  
Centurion**

**27 June 1994**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199401851                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Bathurst Island  
**State:** NT    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Monday 27 June 1994  
**Time:** 0915 hours                      **Time Zone** CST  
**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:** Cessna Aircraft Company  
**Aircraft Model:** 210K  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-CAZ                      **Serial Number:** 21059448  
**Type of Operation:** Charter      Passenger  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Bathurst Island NT  
**Departure Time:**  
**Destination:** Darwin NT

**Approved for Release:** Friday, August 26, 1994

The pilot attempted to start the engine for the return flight to Darwin, but the starter motor failed to operate. He then applied the handbrake, chocked the nose-wheel and hand-swung the propeller. After several attempts the engine fired then ran at a high RPM speed causing the aircraft to jump over the chock and head towards the airport fence.

After unsuccessfully attempting to enter the cabin the pilot tried to grab a main wheel, but missed. He next grabbed at the tailplane but was knocked to the ground. The empty aircraft then ran through the airport fence, across a road and into a ditch, where it came to rest suffering substantial damaged.