

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199403378**

**Cessna Aircraft Company  
Cardinal**

**12 November 1994**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199403378                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Surfers Gardens  
**State:** QLD                      **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Saturday 12 November 1994  
**Time:** 1020 hours                      **Time Zone** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Cessna Aircraft Company  
**Aircraft Model:** 177  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-DZP                      **Serial Number:** 17700138  
**Type of Operation:** Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Surfers Gardens QLD  
**Departure Time:** 1020 EST  
**Destination:** Surfers Gardens QLD

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Private	21.0	110

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The pilot, who had limited experience, stated that during the takeoff run the aircraft started to drift to the left of the strip due to a gusting crosswind. The aircraft struck a runway marker and the takeoff was aborted. The aircraft then ran off the runway and struck a pile of dirt.