

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199403539**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
Skyhawk**

26 October 1994

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Occurrence Number: 199403539 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Dover
State: TAS **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Wednesday 26 October 1994
Time: 1645 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 172P
Aircraft Registration: VH-RWV **Serial Number:** 172-75710
Type of Operation: Commercial Fire Control
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Dover TAS
Departure Time: 1640 ESuT
Destination: Dover TAS

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	80.0	31000

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The pilot had been engaged in fire spotting. On returning to land he assessed the wind conditions, via the windsock and smoke drift, and proceeded to land into wind. On touchdown a wind gust caused the aircraft to drift to the right where it encountered soft soil. The aircraft veered further to the right until the leading edge of the right wing impacted the windsock pole.

Significant Factors

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

1. The aircraft encountered a wind gust on touchdown.
2. The aircraft encountered soft ground on the landing roll when it veered to the right.