

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199300057**

**Pitts Aviation Enterprises  
S-2A**

**21 January 1993**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199300057                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Newcastle Waters Station  
**State:** NT    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Thursday 21 January 1993  
**Time:** 1340 hours                              **Time Zone** CST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Pitts Aviation Enterprises  
**Aircraft Model:** S-2A  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-KIT                      **Serial Number:** 2032  
**Type of Operation:** Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Tindal NT  
**Departure Time:** 1200 CST  
**Destination:** Newcastle Waters NT

**Crew Details:**

| <b>Role</b>      | <b>Class of Licence</b> | <b>Hours on</b> |                    |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                  |                         | <b>Type</b>     | <b>Hours Total</b> |
| Pilot-In-Command | Private                 | 500.0           | 3000               |

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The aircraft was landed heavily resulting in the separation of the right hand brake caliper. The pilot lost directional control of the aircraft and it veered off the runway and groundlooped, causing damage to the ailerons, wingtips and the interplane struts.