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Airparts (NZ) Ltd FU-24-954

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Occurrence Number: 199300264 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 8km S Yarragon

State: VIC Inv Category: 4

Date: Thursday 25 February 1993

Time: 1415 hours **Time Zone** ESuT

Highest Injury Level: Minor

Iniuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	Total
Crew	0	0	1	0	1
Ground	0	0	0	0	0
Passenger	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0	1

Aircraft Manufacturer: Airparts (NZ) Ltd

Aircraft Model: FU-24-954

Aircraft Registration: VH-EUO Serial Number: 3002

Type of Operation: Commercial Aerial Agriculture - Other

Damage to Aircraft: Substantial

Departure Point: 10km S Yarragon

Departure Time: 1410 ESuT

Destination: 10km S Yarragon

Crew Details:

	Hours on			
Role	Class of Licence	Type Hours Total		
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	5500		

Approved for Release:

The pilot was spreading mineral fertiliser on two irregular shaped properties. The first property was finished on the previous load. The second property had two wires within it and a third adjacent to the eastern boundary.

A run was made from south to north passing under the first wire and over the second. At the end a turn was made and a west to east run started, the first in the area. The aircraft passed over the lower wire by 150 feet as a climb was made with the terrain. Crossing the eastern boundary at 50 feet the nose gear leg struck the third wire.

Full power was applied and a descent initiated to keep control. Enough control was maintained to allow the aircraft to be put down on a hillside. A heavy touchdown ensued followed by a violent right yaw. During the ground slide the aircraft rolled inverted, losing the right wing, then hit a fence post and finally came to rest the right way up.