

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199300444**

**Mitsubishi Aircraft Int
MU-2B-36A**

12 January 1993

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Occurrence Number: 199300444 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Melbourne Airport
State: VIC **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Tuesday 12 January 1993
Time: 2322 hours **Time Zone:** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Mitsubishi Aircraft Int
Aircraft Model: MU-2B-36A
Aircraft Registration: VH-SSL **Serial Number:** 712SA
Type of Operation: Charter Cargo
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Melbourne VIC
Departure Time:
Destination:

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	ATPL 1st Class	100.0	3000

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The aircraft was parked on the aircraft loading area. There were flood lights on the southern side, but the light from these only dimly illuminated the northern side. After engine start the pilot turned on the taxi and landing lights and started to taxi towards the northern side. There was a taxi line along the northern side, leading out of the area in a westerly direction. This line was not seen by the pilot, possibly because he was changing the radio frequency selection from Clearance Delivery to Surface Movement Control.

The aircraft left the sealed area, tracking about north-west and ran onto the grass. This was outside the limit of the marked movement area. Realising he was now on the grass the pilot turned the aircraft left, but the right main wheel struck an exposed concrete slab. The right main gear leg collapsed.