

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199301051**

**Mooney Aircraft Corp  
Mooney**

**17 April 1993**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199301051                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Cervantes  
**State:** WA    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Saturday 17 April 1993  
**Time:** 1130 hours                      **Time Zone** WST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Mooney Aircraft Corp  
**Aircraft Model:** M20J  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-XAK                      **Serial Number:** 24-1255  
**Type of Operation:** Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Jandakot WA  
**Departure Time:**  
**Destination:** Cervantes WA

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Private	150.0	825

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The pilot conducted the flight to discover any remaining defects in the aircraft after it had been subject to a period of inactivity and repair. The pilot completed a full stop landing and planned to conduct some further recency circuit training before returning to Jandakot. The aircraft was subsequently landed with the landing gear retracted, after the pilot forgot to extend the gear.