

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199301306**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
Centurion**

08 May 1993

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199301306 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Home Valley Station
State: WA **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Saturday 08 May 1993
Time: 1430 hours **Time Zone** WST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 210L
Aircraft Registration: VH-MHC **Serial Number:** 21059610
Type of Operation: Charter Passenger
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Kalumburu WA
Departure Time: 1330 WST
Destination: Home Valley Station WA

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	550.0	1650

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The pilot had landed the aircraft and was decelerating on the runway when an object was seen in the grass directly ahead. Avoiding action was not possible and the left mainwheel hit the object, which was later identified as an old runway marker. The marker was thrown up and hit the tailplane, causing damage of the left horizontal stabiliser. The marker was partly rusty and was obscured from observation because of the long grass and the camouflaging effect of the surrounding colours.

The pilot elected to test fly the aircraft and then return to home base without first consulting an engineer.