

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199301932**

**Auster Aircraft Ltd  
J5**

**04 July 1993**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199301932      **Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Location:** Kotta

**State:** VIC

**Inv Category:** 4

**Date:** Sunday 04 July 1993

**Time:** 1500 hours

**Time Zone:** EST

**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Auster Aircraft Ltd

**Aircraft Model:** J5

**Aircraft Registration:** VH-KSK      **Serial Number:** 2809

**Type of Operation:** Non-commercial Practice

**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial

**Departure Point:** Kotta VIC

**Departure Time:**

**Destination:** Kotta VIC

**Approved for Release:** Tuesday, October 12, 1993

When the pilot attempted to add power to correct an undershoot on short final for landing, he discovered that the throttle had jammed. As he manoeuvred the aircraft to avoid a fence, it stalled from about 10 feet. The aircraft landed heavily and the landing gear collapsed.

Subsequently it was found that the throttle inner cable had broken and jammed in the outer cable.

#### Significant Factors

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident:

1. The throttle cable broke in flight.
2. The pilot was unable to increase power to correct an undershoot.
3. The pilot stalled the aircraft while trying to avoid a fence.