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## SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

## **ACCIDENT REPORT - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Date of Accident	14/11/1998	Time of Accident		1100Z			
Aircraft Registration	ZS-IAT	Type of Aircraft		Cessna 337E			
Name of Owner		Name and Number of Operator					
W. Burre CC	Golden Wings Aviation – (FALA)						
Pilot-in-command License No.			Age	29	License Valid	Yes	
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience		Total Flying Hours		1 402.55	Hours on Type	62.25	
Last point of departure	FALA S25°56.0' E027°55.3'						
Next point of intended	FALA S25°56.0' E027°55.3'						

Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (plus GPS readings if possible)

FABS S25°31.57' E027°46.33'

Meteorological Information	Wind 350° at 8 kts. Visibility 9999. Cloud = 3/8 at 3000' AGL. Te			8 at 3000' AGL. Temp -	+22°C
Number of people on board	2+0	No. of people injured	0	No. of people killed	0
Synopsis					

The pilot-in-command (PIC) stated that he was requested to convert the student pilot (also an instructor) urgently to the aircraft type. They flew from FALA to FABS where they carried out 2 successful, short field, touch-and-go landings.

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> approach the PIC's attention was outside due to the deteriorating visibility. He stated that during final approach it appeared that they would overshoot the runway centreline and for that reason he looked outside to ensure that the aircraft would clear all obstacles.

Furthermore he stated that the student reduced the power to idle on crossing the threshold and approximately 8 seconds later the aircraft touched down on the runway. Both the PIC and the student only realised that the gear was retracted when the rear propeller struck the runway. He also stated that the "Gear Unsafe" warning did not sound at any time.

## **Probable Cause**

The accident was as a result of the PIC failing to constantly observe the actions of the student and also failing to extend the landing gear.