



Ref: 7507

**SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY****ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

<b>Aircraft Registration</b>	<b>ZS-IMM</b>	<b>Date of Accident</b>	24 May 2002	<b>Time of Accident</b>	1445Z
<b>Type of Aircraft</b>	BEECH 95-B55 (M96/095E)		<b>Type of Operation</b>	Private	
<b>Pilot-in-command Licence Type</b>	ALTP	<b>Age</b>	40	<b>Licence Valid</b>	Yes
<b>Pilot-in-command Flying Experience</b>	<b>Total Flying Hours</b>	11 800.0	<b>Hours on Type</b>	482.0	
<b>Last point of departure</b>	Wonderboom Aerodrome				
<b>Next point of intended landing</b>	(Private Aerodrome) Brits Area				
<b>Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (GPS readings if possible)</b>					
(Private Aerodrome) Brits Area					
<b>Meteorological Information</b>	Fine - No Wind, Temperature +20°C, Visibility - Good				
<b>Number of people on board</b>	One	<b>No. of people injured</b>	None	<b>No. of people killed</b>	None

**Synopsis**

The pilot, who was alone in the aircraft, was engaged in a private flight from Wonderboom to a private airstrip located near Brits. While on final approach the pilot noted what appeared to be a vehicle in close proximity to the runway.

He decided to retract the undercarriage and flaps to initiate a go-around, to avoid a possible collision with the vehicle.

The vehicle then backtracked (disappeared from sight) with the aircraft still positioned on final approach. The pilot decided to execute the landing, flaps were selected but the pilot failed to lower the undercarriage and a subsequent wheels-up landing followed.

Nobody was injured in the accident.

**Probable Cause**

The pilot failed to extend the landing gear, due to being distracted by a vehicle, while on final approach.