

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199805884**

**Douglas Aircraft Co Inc
DC9-33F**

17 November 1998

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Occurrence Number: 199805884 **Occurrence Type:** Incident
Location: Melbourne, Aerodrome
State: VIC **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Tuesday 17 November 1998
Time: 0350 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Douglas Aircraft Co Inc
Aircraft Model: DC9-33F
Aircraft Registration: VH-IPF **Serial Number:** 47408
Type of Operation: Air Transport Cargo Domestic High Capacity Scheduled
Damage to Aircraft: Minor
Departure Point: Unknown
Departure Time:
Destination: Melbourne Vic.

Approved for Release: Wednesday, September 22, 1999

The DC9 freighter crew performed a missed approach to Melbourne runway 27 when they did not get a landing gear safe indication after gear extension. The crew carried out a manual extension of the gear and obtained the safe indication, then proceeded to a safe landing.

Because the landing gear doors remain open after manual extension the crew stopped the aircraft on the runway to allow engineers to secure the doors.

This was the first of three similar events (refer BASI occurrences 9805886 and 9805887). After two failed attempts to re-rig the landing gear system it was found that a normal extension could only be achieved if the system was rigged outside of maintenance manual tolerances. The mis-rig problem has been referred to the aircraft manufacturer and the aircraft has been cleared for flight.

The aircraft has subsequently operated satisfactorily.

