

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199600233**

**Alexander Schleicher GmbH & Co
ASH 25**

26 January 1996

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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: 199600233 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 5km N Eucla, (ALA)
State: WA **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Friday 26 January 1996
Time: 1000 hours **Time Zone** WST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Alexander Schleicher Gmbh & Co
Aircraft Model: ASH 25
Aircraft Registration: VH-ZHW **Serial Number:**
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Plover Field WA
Departure Time: 1000 WST
Destination: Plover Field WA

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It was reported that the aircraft did not get airborne during the takeoff from a field. The aircraft collided with trees at the end of the field. The reporter concluded that the field was too short. Repeated attempts to contact the pilot have been unsuccessful.