Aviation Safety Investigation Report 199301970

Victa Ltd AIRTOURER 115 Fokker B.V. F50 (Fokker 50)

14 May 1993

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Occurrence Number: 199301970 Occurrence Type: Incident

Location: Ballina

State: NSW Inv Category: 4

Date: Friday 14 May 1993

Time: 1510 hours Time Zone EST

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Fokker B.V.

Manufacturer:

Aircraft Model: F27 MK 50

Aircraft Registration: VH-FNB Serial 20107

Number:

Type of Operation: Air Transport Domestic High Capacity Passenger

Scheduled

Damage to Aircraft: Nil

Departure Point:Sydney NSWDeparture Time:1350 ESTDestination:Ballina NSW

Aircraft Victa Ltd

Manufacturer:

Aircraft Model: AIRTOURER 115

Aircraft VH-MUF Serial 80

Registration: Number:

Type of Air Transport Domestic High Capacity Passenger Scheduled

Operation: Domestic High Capacity Passenger Scheduled

Damage to Aircraft:

Departure Point: Ballina NSW

Departure Time:

Destination: Ballina NSW

Approved for Release: Wednesday, October 26, 1994

The crew of VH-FNB flew the aircraft into the circuit area intending to land on runway 06. They then sighted another aircraft on final for runway 24. Calls were made to the other aircraft on the area frequency and the Mandatory Traffic Advisory Frequency (MTAF). No reply was received.

The crew of VH-FNB changed their approach to land on runway 24. The other aircraft made a touch and go landing on runway 24 and then made a radio call. A call from the crew of VH-FNB advised that they were on final approach for runway 24. Radio contact was established with VH-MUF, the other aircraft, and the pilot of VH-MUF advised he had previously had the volume on his radio turned down.

Significant Fact	or
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The following factor was considered relevant to the development of the incident:

1. The pilot of VH-MUF was operating with the radio volume turned down.