

Depressurisation - Fairchild Industries SA226-TC (Metro II) VH-NGX, 120 km NNE Perth Airport, WA, 16 August 2010

The Fairchild SA226-TC (Metro II) aircraft departed Perth Airport on a charter flight, on board the aircraft were the pilot and ten passengers. The aircraft was climbing through flight level 205 when the right cockpit side window suddenly failed and the cabin rapidly depressurised.

The window was an inner pane that was not designed for use as an outer, pressurisation-load carrying window. The structural integrity of the window was also significantly weakened by cracks.

Final Report: http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/2010/aair/ao-2010-063.aspx