

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198701445**

**Piper PA25-235**

**13 October 1987**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198701445

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Location:** 15 km East of Donald VIC

**Date:** 13 October 1987

**Time:** 1300

**Highest Injury Level:** Nil

**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Piper PA25-235

**Registration:** Expired USA N62386.

**Serial Number:** 25-7405751 (Marked VH-HMC, but not registered)

**Operation Type:** Aerial Work (Agricultural Spraying)

**Damage Level:** Substantial

**Departure Point:** Donald VIC

**Departure Time:** 1230

**Destination:** Donald VIC

**Approved for Release:** March 10th 1988

**Circumstances:**

During the pull up at the end of a clean up run, a small note pad fell to the floor of the cockpit. The pilot leant forward to retrieve it but almost immediately the aircraft struck the ground. The note pad was used to record spraying details that were not critical to the operation of the aircraft.