

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198503500**

Cessna 182H

2 March 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198503500
Location: Dalby QLD
Date: 2 March 1985
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	2

Aircraft Details: Cessna 182H
Registration: VH-PLF
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Private/Practice
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Dalby QLD
Departure Time: 945
Destination: Dalby QLD

Approved for Release: 15th April 1985

Circumstances:

After returning from the local training area, the pilot joined the circuit for a landing. He stated that he flared high, added some power whilst allowing the aircraft to descend, then reduced power again. The aircraft contacted the runway heavily in a slightly nose down attitude. The firewall, lower fuselage skin and control tunnel were all deformed, causing control difficulties during the subsequent taxiing. Following the high flare the pilot failed to adequately arrest the sink-rate. Skid marks on the runway in the vicinity of the touchdown, and a substantial single bald patch on the right tyre indicated that the right brake was probably applied at touchdown.