

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198801388**

Cessna 152

3 April 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198801388
Location: Melton VIC
Date: 3 April 1988
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1215

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

Aircraft Details: Cessna 152
Registration: VH-UFK
Serial Number: 15281346
Operation Type: Aerial Work
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Melton VIC
Departure Time: 1205
Destination: Melton VIC

Approved for Release: 7 June 1988

Circumstances:

On final approach for his first solo circuit and landing, the pilot carried out an overshoot because the aircraft was above the desired profile. On his second approach the pilot commenced a normal flare, but the aircraft climbed gradually to about 15 feet above the ground. The pilot made no attempt to apply power for a go-around. The aircraft stalled and struck the ground heavily. The nosewheel was detached and the aircraft bounced. On the subsequent touchdown, the nosegear strut dug into the ground and the aircraft overturned, coming to rest 77 metres from the point of initial touchdown. The pilot misjudged his height above the ground after the landing flare. He is employed as a Flight Engineer on Boeing 747 aircraft, and is therefore used to looking out of a cockpit which is much higher off the ground than the cockpit of a Cessna 152. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.