

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198502548**

**PA 28-151**

**27 July 1985**

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Occurrence Number: 198502548

Location: Orange NSW

Date: 27 July 1985

Highest Injury Level: Minor

Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1235 (Aprx)

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

Aircraft Details: PA 28-151

Registration: VH-PMW

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Instructional-Solo practice

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Orange NSW

Departure Time: 1235 (Aprx)

Destination: Orange NSW

Approved for Release: 12th August, 1985

Circumstances:

During the fifth touch-and-go landing of a period of solo circuits the student pilot applied right rudder in anticipation of the expected swing as take-off power was applied. The aircraft immediately swung to the right and the student, becoming confused, applied further right rudder pressure. The aircraft left the runway and impacted a ditch outside the flight strip. The pilot was not using the sash component of his seat belt and he suffered a facial laceration when he struck the instrument panel during the impact.