

**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:**

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

**Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Time:** 1235 (Aprx)

**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.