

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198701449**

Piper PA32-300

8 November 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198701449

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 5 km NE of Woodend VIC

Date: 8 November 1987

Time: 1630

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: Piper PA32-300

Registration: VH-WGO

Serial Number: 32-7340146

Operation Type: Private (Pleasure)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: 5 km NE Woodend VIC

Departure Time: N/A

Destination: Moorabbin VIC

Approved for Release: 14 June 1988

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that the take-off proceeded normally until the point of lift off, when the engine hesitated and lost power for about 3 seconds. Power was then regained, however the pilot was not certain whether full power was developed. He elected to abandon the take-off, but there was insufficient strip length remaining in which to safely stop the aircraft. He then reopened the throttle in an effort to clear a fence at the end of the strip and land in the adjoining paddock. The noseleg struck the fence, and the aircraft then ran through a ditch before coming to rest. The reason for the short term power loss could not be determined