

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198402350**

Piper PA28-140

19 October 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198402350

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 4 Km SE of Speed, VIC

Date: 19 October 1984

Time: 1600

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

	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: Piper PA28-140

Registration: VH-PXU

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Pleasure Flight

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Turriff VIC

Departure Time: 1545

Destination: Turriff VIC

Approved for Release: 15th February 1985

Circumstances:

The approach was made with full flap extended at an indicated airspeed of between 75 and 80 knots. As the pilot closed the throttle in preparation for landing, the handle of the throttle lever came off in her hand. The aircraft struck the runway heavily and bounced several times, collapsing the nose gear leg. The pilot had been distracted when the throttle lever handle separated during the landing flare. The handle had been attached by an unsuitable retaining bolt.