

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198500657**

Piper PA32-300

20 April 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198500657
Location: Darwin NT
Date: 20 April 1985
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1343

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	5
Total	0	0	0	6

Aircraft Details: Piper PA32-300
Registration: VH-MAR
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Travel
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Dum-In-Mirrie NT
Departure Time: 1325
Destination: Darwin NT

Approved for Release: 29th July, 1985

Circumstances:

After landing the aircraft was taxiied along a taxiway to the general aviation parking area. In preparation for a 90 degree turn in the taxiway the pilot moved the aircraft to the right of the taxiway. The nose wheel struck a steel gable marker, which was positioned 500 millimetres off to the the right of the taxiway. As a result of the collision the nose gear collapsed. The pilot was not concentrating sufficiently on the taxiing of the aircraft, which was being operated at a high speed.