

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198501394**

**Piper PA28-151**

**17 February 1985**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198501394  
**Location:** Moorabbin VIC  
**Date:** 17 February 1985  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Time:** 1900

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Piper PA28-151  
**Registration:** VH-RUZ  
**Serial Number:**  
**Operation Type:** Pleasure  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Ballarat VIC  
**Departure Time:** N/K  
**Destination:** Moorabbin VIC

**Approved for Release:** 8th May 1985

**Circumstances:**

The pilot was turning into the parking area, intending to taxi between aircraft parked in parallel rows. As the turn was completed the left wing tip struck the spinner of the aircraft at the start of the left hand row. This aircraft was undamaged, however the wing tip of the taxiing aircraft was pushed rearwards with consequent damage to the rear spar fuselage carry-through member. During the turn into the parking area one of the passengers interrupted the pilot's concentration by pointing out that the parking position from whence they had departed, was still vacant. The pilot did not notice that the aircraft had moved almost 2 metres to the left of the taxiway guideline until the collision was imminent.