

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198800719**

Piper PA23-250

16 June 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198800719
Location: Kimba SA
Date: 16 June 1988
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 850

	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 PA23-250
Registration: VH-WGN
Serial Number: 27-7305233
Operation Type: Charter
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Cleve SA
Departure Time: 0830
Destination: Kimba SA

Approved for Release: 27 September 1988

Circumstances:

The pilot held in the circuit area at his destination for about 10 minutes before carrying out a normal landing. He recalls checking that the landing gear indicated down and locked before landing. However, when the nosewheel was lowered onto the runway, the noseleg collapsed. The aircraft skidded on its nose for about 150 metres before coming to rest on the runway. The nosegear indicator still showed a green light after the aircraft came to rest. The cause of the nosegear collapse could not be determined. The false safe indication of the nosegear was possibly caused by a foreign object under the downlock microswitch.