

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199702968**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Tomahawk**

03 September 1997

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Occurrence Number: 199702968 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Albury, Aerodrome
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Wednesday 03 September 1997
Time: 1030 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: PA-38-112
Aircraft Registration: VH-AYD **Serial Number:** 38-78A0485
Type of Operation: Instructional Solo
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Albury NSW
Departure Time: 0915 EST
Destination: Albury NSW

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Student	23.0	23

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During a solo training flight the aircraft made a heavy landing. This collapsed the nose strut and allowed the propeller to strike the ground. The aircraft then veered off the runway and came to a stop. Post flight debrief of the student by his instructor suggested that the student may have been too intent on monitoring his airspeed indicator on short final and misjudged his height.

