

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199703868**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Pawnee**

25 November 1997

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Occurrence Number: 199703868 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 40km NW Tamworth, Aerodrome
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Tuesday 25 November 1997
Time: 1330 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: PA-25-235/A1
Aircraft Registration: VH-FOO **Serial Number:** 25-3025
Type of Operation: Miscellaneous Glider Towing
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Lake Keepit NSW
Departure Time: 1300 ESuT
Destination: Lake Keepit NSW

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	61.0	815

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The right main landing gear collapsed as the aircraft touched down on the grass strip at Lake Keepit, after retrieving a glider from a paddock.

Inspection revealed that one of the landing gear attachment bolts had failed. Further investigation revealed that the failed bolt was not of the correct type. It was not determined when or why an incorrect bolt had been fitted.

