

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199600804**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Arrow**

09 March 1996

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Occurrence Number: 199600804 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Murray Bridge
State: SA **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Saturday 09 March 1996
Time: 1300 hours **Time Zone** CSuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: PA-28RT-201
Aircraft Registration: VH-HSN **Serial Number:** 28R-8018026
Type of Operation: Instructional Dual
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Parafield SA
Departure Time: 1220 CSuT
Destination: Parafield SA

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	70.0	1800

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The pilot was undergoing an instructional flight as part of his training for a commercial pilot licence. When overhead Murray Bridge airfield the instructor simulated an engine power failure for the pilot to practice a forced landing.

Their attention was distracted by an ultralight aircraft operating in the circuit area, and as a result they forget to carry out the final landing checks, and landed the aircraft with the landing gear still in the retracted position.