

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199604202**

**Piper Aircraft Corp  
Tomahawk**

**22 December 1996**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199604202                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Bankstown, Aerodrome  
**State:** NSW    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Sunday 22 December 1996  
**Time:** 0850 hours                                      **Time Zone**                      ESuT  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Piper Aircraft Corp  
**Aircraft Model:** PA-38-112  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-FTX                      **Serial Number:** 38-79A0268  
**Type of Operation:** Instructional Solo  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Bankstown. NSW  
**Departure Time:** 0845 ESuT  
**Destination:** Bankstown. NSW

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Student	18.0	18

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The student pilot was carrying out his second solo flight, after a dual check. The aircraft was observed to bounce during landing and porpoise along runway 29 L for a short distance before the nose landing gear collapsed. The aircraft slid to a halt on the edge of the runway.