

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199502117**

**Cessna Aircraft Company  
Skyhawk**

**08 July 1995**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199502117                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Parafield, Aerodrome  
**State:** SA    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Saturday 08 July 1995  
**Time:** 1242 hours                      **Time Zone** CST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Cessna Aircraft Company  
**Aircraft Model:** 172N  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-WNN                      **Serial Number:** 17268057  
**Type of Operation:** Instructional Solo  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Parafield SA  
**Departure Time:** 1230 CST  
**Destination:** Parafield SA

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Student	15.0	15

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The student pilot, who had very limited flying experience, was on his third solo training circuit for the flight when the accident occurred. The aircraft was in the ground-run phase of a touch-and-go landing when it began to veer to the left. The pilot applied opposite rudder, in an attempt to correct the situation, with no apparent effect. Realising that the aircraft would run off the strip the pilot closed the throttle and applied the brakes. However, the aircraft ran into a ditch, damaging the propeller and nosewheel leg before it stopped moving. The student pilot had completed three successful dual circuits prior to commencing solo training.