

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199503188**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Twin Comanche**

27 September 1995

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Occurrence Number:	199503188	Occurrence Type:	Accident
Location:	Caloundra, (ALA)		
State:	QLD	Inv Category:	4
Date:	Wednesday 27 September 1995		
Time:	1400 hours	Time Zone	EST
Highest Injury Level:	None		

Aircraft Manufacturer:	Piper Aircraft Corp		
Aircraft Model:	PA-30		
Aircraft Registration:	VH-ASL	Serial Number:	30-964
Type of Operation:	Non-commercial Practice		
Damage to Aircraft:	Substantial		
Departure Point:	Caloundra		
Departure Time:			
Destination:	Caloundra		

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	46.0	237

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The pilot reported that he was carrying out touch-and-go landings when the accident occurred. Circuit traffic was heavy with a number of slower Skyfox aircraft. A film shoot was being conducted with three additional aircraft on the duty runway. The pilot said he decided to leave the circuit area. He came back about 10 minutes later to find two Skyfox aircraft still in the circuit also doing touch-and-go landings. He then did three more circuits before another Skyfox gave a taxi call indicating he would be joining the circuits. At that point he decided to make a full stop landing. The pilot said he was doing a wide circuit to avoid the Skyfox aircraft and was higher than normal on base leg. The distraction caused by the traffic, caused him to forget to lower the gear and the aircraft was landed wheels up.