

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199503478**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
182P**

14 October 1995

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Occurrence Number:	199503478	Occurrence Type:	Accident
Location:	Hamilton Island, Aerodrome		
State:	QLD	Inv Category:	4
Date:	Saturday 14 October 1995		
Time:	1513 hours	Time Zone	EST
Highest Injury Level:	None		

Aircraft Manufacturer:	Cessna Aircraft Company		
Aircraft Model:	182P		
Aircraft Registration:	VH-SNA	Serial Number:	18265042
Type of Operation:	Miscellaneous Parachute Jump		
Damage to Aircraft:	Substantial		
Departure Point:	Hamilton Is QLD		
Departure Time:	1509 EST		
Destination:	Hamilton Is QLD		

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The aircraft was being used to conduct parachuting operations from Hamilton Island. On this flight, an instructor was to carry out a tandem jump and another parachutist was to make a solo jump.

As the aircraft was climbing to altitude the pilot parachute on the instructor's rig opened. The pilot parachute was drawn out of the aircraft and the instructor managed to exit the aircraft and deploy his main parachute. He made a successful water landing. The solo parachutist jumped from the aircraft to render any necessary assistance to the instructor. The parachutist who was to jump in tandem with the instructor remained in the aircraft which was landed successfully at Hamilton Island.

Subsequent inspection of the aircraft found that the right stabliser and elevator were bent upward and the elevator horn balance torn off.

The reason for the inadvertent deployment of the pilot parachute is unknown.