

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199401112**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Archer**

30 April 1994

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Occurrence Number: 199401112 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Torquay
State: VIC **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Saturday 30 April 1994
Time: 1300 hours **Time Zone:** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: PA-28-181
Aircraft Registration: VH-BLF **Serial Number:**
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Tooradin VIC
Departure Time: 1245 EST
Destination: Torquay VIC

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	2.6	172

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The pilot noted the windsock was indicating nil wind and he elected to land on strip 36. The strip is 800 metres long from fence to fence but there is a powerline across the northern end. At the landing flare the aircraft floated and touched down about 200 metres after the threshold. The pilot noted the aircraft did not seem to slow down as expected, but due to concern over the powerlines at the far end he elected not to go around. The aircraft continued on the ground roll and the pilot was unable to prevent it from running into the fence, at low speed, at the northern end.

Significant Factors

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident:

1. The pilot did not make a timely decision to go around.

