

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199402726**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Tomahawk**

26 September 1994

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Occurrence Number: 199402726 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Archerfield
State: QLD **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Monday 26 September 1994
Time: 0954 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: PA-38-112
Aircraft Registration: VH-CFR **Serial Number:** 38-79A1073
Type of Operation: Instructional Solo
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Archerfield QLD
Departure Time: 0945 EST
Destination: Archerfield QLD

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Student	10.0	10

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The pilot was a student on his second solo flight. During the approach and roundout phase of the second circuit, the aircraft ballooned. The student pushed the controls forward and a heavy landing, nosewheel first, eventuated. The nose gear collapsed and the propeller struck the runway. The aircraft slewed to the right and came to rest within the flight strip.