

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199402883**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Seneca**

08 October 1994

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Occurrence Number: 199402883 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Darwin
State: NT **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Saturday 08 October 1994
Time: 1240 hours **Time Zone** CST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: PA-34-200
Aircraft Registration: VH-UOM **Serial Number:** 34-7350032
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Kununurra WA
Departure Time:
Destination: Darwin NT

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	85.8	109

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The pilot had been cleared to land on runway 36 which had a light crosswind blowing from the left. A normal approach with the left wing being kept slightly low to counter the wind was made with the pilot intending to touch down on the runway threshold.

An approach speed of about 75 kts was maintained to touchdown, with the aircraft contacting the runway heavily causing all three landing gear legs to collapse. The aircraft then slid to a stop on the runway.