ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Pegasus Quik, G-CCYE

No & type of Engines: 1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 2004

Date & Time (UTC): 10 November 2006 at 1401 hrs

Location: Manton Pegasus strip, near Marlborough, Wiltshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Wing segment torn, battens, tubes and bodywork

damaged. 'A' frame and pylon bent

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 69 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 234 hours (of which 191 were on type)

Last 90 days - 12 hours Last 28 days - 4 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Synopsis

During rotation a gust of wind caused the aircraft to veer to the right and leave the runway, before entering a field and rolling onto its right side.

History of the flight

The pilot lined the aircraft up for takeoff on the grass Runway 26 at Manton Pegasus strip. The wind was reported as from the south-west at seven knots. The pilot began the takeoff roll and rotated the aircraft by applying forward pressure to the base bar of the control frame; when the front wheel lifted off the ground the aircraft veered to the right. The pilot reduced engine

power to idle and applied the brakes gently. Due to the front wheel being off the ground, the pilot had no means of steering the aircraft as it continued to veer to the right before it left the runway and entered a field. The wind was now under the wing, causing the aircraft to roll over onto its right side before coming to rest. The pilot was uninjured and was able to exit the aircraft unaided. He had been wearing a lap strap and diagonal harness and a helmet.

The pilot attributed the initial veer to the right to a gust of wind at the point of rotation.

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