

Rans S10 Sakota, G-BWIA

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Rans S10 Sakota, G-BWIA	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 582 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1997	
Date & Time (UTC):	5 May 2003 at 1017 hrs	
Location:	Thruxton, Hampshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Left wing, left main wheel and propeller damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	54 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	169 hours (of which 2 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 2 hours	
	Last 28 days - 2 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

History of flight

The pilot landed the aircraft on the grass Runway 25 with the wind direction varying between 260° and 290° M, at 8 kt. The aircraft bounced slightly on touchdown then settled onto the runway after the second touchdown. Whilst slowing down with all three wheels in contact with the surface, it was caught by the wind and, before the pilot was able to make a correction with the rudder, it was blown to the left into an area of ploughed ground. When the main wheels entered this ploughed ground the aircraft tipped up on its nose, damaging the propeller, before settling back down on its tail wheel. The pilot and his passenger were uninjured and exited the aircraft unaided.

The pilot felt that the accident was due to his lack of familiarity with the aircraft, which caused him to fail to respond quickly enough when the wind caught the machine.