

Rans S4 (Modified) Coyote, G-MVPZ

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Rans S4 (Modified) Coyote, G-MVPZ
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 447 piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1989
Date & Time (UTC):	17 August 1997 at 0700 hrs
Location:	Rushmead Farm, Wiltshire
Type of Flight:	Private
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Aircraft destroyed
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	59 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	408 hours (of which 4 were on type) Last 90 days - 15 hours Last 28 days - 9 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

This accident was reported to the police by a witness who saw an aircraft apparently in some difficulty. The police later found the aircraft in a tree.

The pilot reported that two to three minutes after getting airborne from South Wraxall microlight field, whilst at a height of about 350 feet, the engine lost power. The pilot then attempted to land in an adjacent large field but the right wing struck the foliage of a tree causing the microlight to spin into it. The pilot was wearing a full harness at the time of the accident and was uninjured. He vacated the aircraft and was then assisted by the land owner who was in the field at the time. There was no significant weather, the visibility was good and the winds were light. Subsequent examination of the engine did not reveal any apparent cause for the loss of power.