

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Bolkow F.207, D-EHUQ	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-360-AIA piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1961	
Date & Time (UTC):	5 November 2007 at 1405 hrs	
Location:	Branscombe Airfield, Devon	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Severe damage to left wing and landing gear, bent propeller	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	69 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	715 hours (of which 76 were on type) Last 90 days - 22 hours Last 28 days - 25 minutes	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

Synopsis

On takeoff, the aircraft hit a bump in the grass and became airborne. The aircraft veered to the right and cartwheeled through a wire fence.

History of the flight

The aircraft was taking off from Branscombe Airfield for a flight to Plymouth. The wind was variable at 2 to 3 kt. As the airspeed approached the liftoff speed of 55 kt, with the tail slightly up, the aircraft hit a bump in the grass and became airborne. The right wing dropped slightly and the aircraft veered to the right, heading towards an electricity pole outside the airfield boundary.

The pilot tried to correct by applying left aileron, but the right wing stalled, turning and diving the aircraft to the right. It struck the ground and cartwheeled through a wire fence, badly damaging the left wing and landing gear before coming to rest in a neighbouring field.

The pilot and passenger were uninjured and evacuated through the entry door on the left side. There was no fire. The pilot has stated that, after the aircraft became airborne too early, he had not been quick enough to lower the nose and maintain the heading on the runway centreline.