

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Vans RV-7, HB-YLM	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2005 (Serial no: 70795)	
Date & Time (UTC):	11 June 2014 at 1026 hrs	
Location:	Airstrip near Fort Augustus, Inverness-shire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Both wings, cowling and propeller; boundary fence	
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	53 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	2,537 hours (of which 1,382 were on type) Last 90 days - 139 hours Last 28 days - 13 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was flying in fine, calm conditions at 2,000 ft over Loch Ness when its engine began to run roughly. On his GPS navigation display, the pilot identified a farm airstrip near the town of Fort Augustus. He flew over the airstrip to inspect it and decided to carry out a precautionary landing there, which he did successfully. After landing, the pilot checked the fuel and carburation systems, and found no faults. A fuel sample was clear. Engine runs at up to full throttle were normal, so the pilot prepared to takeoff again.

During the subsequent takeoff, the aircraft drifted to the left side of the airstrip, on what the pilot described as damp grass. He attempted to correct the deviation with rudder input but this was not effective, so he reduced to idle power to abandon the takeoff. The left wing struck a fence post, causing the aircraft to yaw left and pass through the fence line. The right wing also struck a fence post before the aircraft came to a stop.