ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Rans S6-ES Coyote II, G-BYSN

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1999 (Serial no: PFA 204-13459)

Date & Time (UTC): 8 October 2017 at 0850 hrs

Location: Over Farm, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Extensive fire damage

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 66 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 499 hours (of which 36 were on type)

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

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the

pilot

The aircraft, with the pilot and a passenger aboard, was taking off from a grass strip near Over, Gloustershire. There was a light crosswind from the left and the grass was damp. Pre-flight inspection and engine power checks were normal.

On takeoff the aircraft accelerated normally and at approximately 42 mph IAS the pilot initiated rotation. He described the rotation as "slightly heavier" than usual. As the aircraft lifted off, the pilot felt the aircraft lose momentum and turn markedly to the left, taking the aircraft over the ploughed field to the left of the runway. The pilot, not wanting to put the nose down over the ploughed field, applied full right rudder to turn back towards the runway but as he did this the right wing dropped and the wing tip contacted the ground. The aircraft came to rest on the left side of the runway and fire was seen at the front of the engine cowling. The pilot and passenger exited the aircraft unaided with only minor injuries. The aircraft was substantially damaged by the fire.

The pilot believes that the engine suffered a power loss during rotation which led to the left wing stall, and subsequently the application of the right rudder then caused the right wing to stall. Due to the fire damage it was not possible to determine why the engine lost power.

The aircraft was approximately 4% above its maximum takeoff weight. This would have reduced the stall margin giving the pilot very little time to react to any loss of power.