



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

<b>Location:</b>	Bridgeport, CA	<b>Accident Number:</b>	WPR16LA136
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	07/01/2016, 1040 PDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N2181K
<b>Aircraft:</b>	ROCHLIN PAUL JR RANS S6	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Serious
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

On July 1, 2016, about 1040 Pacific daylight time, an experimental Rans S6ES airplane, N2181K, impacted terrain about 1 1/2 miles north of the Bryant Field Airport (O57), Bridgeport, California. The pilot, the sole occupant, was seriously injured; the airplane sustained substantial damage. The airplane was registered to, and operated by, the pilot under the provisions of 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 91. The flight originated from Auburn Municipal Airport (AUN), Auburn, California, at an unknown time, and was destined for O57. Visual meteorological (VMC) conditions prevailed, and no flight plan had been filed.

The pilot reported to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that upon nearing his destination of O57, he flew over his parents' home to let them know that he was landing at the airport, and for them to pick him up. After passing over the home, with the intention of landing at O57, he turned sharply to the right then remembers the ground coming up into view.

An FAA inspector documented and photographed the accident site. The first identified point of contact was an area of disturbed dirt and impact marks with the ground on southwest facing sloped terrain. The impact marks were consistent with the airplane colliding with the terrain in a nose down attitude. The airplane remained intact and sustained substantial damage.

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Manufacturer:</b>	ROCHLIN PAUL JR	<b>Registration:</b>	N2181K
<b>Model/Series:</b>	RANS S6 ES	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Ultralight
<b>Amateur Built:</b>	Yes		
<b>Operator:</b>	HOLT DAVE R	<b>Air Carrier Operating Certificate:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	KBAN, 6749 ft msl	Observation Time:	1652 UTC
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Temperature/Dew Point:	25°C / 1°C
Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	9 knots, 200°	Visibility	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.18 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	AUBURN, CA (AUN)	Destination:	BRIDGEPORT, CA (O57)

## Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Serious		

## Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Andrew L Swick
Additional Participating Persons:	James Richardson; FAA FSDO; Reno, NV
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.