

On August 1, 2013, at approximately 12 noon, I was watching an RV4 depart the airport at San Manuel, AZ. It was leaving on runway 11. As the plane was reaching rotation speed, it suddenly shot left toward the taxi lane. When it hit the rough ground, the nose pointed upward and left the ground for about 100 ft. When it came down, it cartwheeled once and came to rest upside down. Before I could reach the site, the pilot emerged and was walking away from the wreckage.

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