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I pre-flighted the plane. One of the rags covering the elevator holes was gone & birds had apparently entered. I remove 3 baby birds in the cockpit area. Everything seemed ok as I taxied for about 5 minutes. Take off was fine until about 100' up at the end of the runway when I noticed some smoke near my left foot. I made a steep turn to return to the runway. During that time I noticed fire by my left foot. I tried to stomp it out, but couldn't. I was able to see the runway about 20' up, but then couldn't see it at all. About 5 or 10 seconds later, still going about my best 10 knots or so I decided to turn off the runway to stop. The plane flipped, we opened the door & scrambled out.

