

# Boeing 747-436, G-BNLD

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<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Boeing 747-436, G-BNLD
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	4 Rolls-Royce RB211-524G turbofan engines
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1989
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	18 May 1997 at 2025 hrs
<b>Location:</b>	London Gatwick Airport
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Public Transport
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 19 - Passengers - 176
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None - Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Damage to door surround of aft bulk cargo hold
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	50 years
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	13,319 hours (of which 1,733 were on type) Last 90 days - 156 hours Last 28 days - 47 hours
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form/Air Safety Report submitted by the operator and further enquiries by AAIB

The aircraft was in the final stages of loading for a scheduled service to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. A conveyor type loading vehicle lurched backwards and to one side while being reversed. The end of the loading ramp caused a four inch gash in the side frame of the aft bulk cargo hold door.

The aircraft was withdrawn from service for repair after inspection by airline engineering staff.