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Aircraft type and registration: BAC One Eleven 509 EW G-AXYD

No & Type of engines: 2 Rolls Royce Spey 512-14 DW Turbojet Engines

Year of Manufacture: 1970

Date and time (GMT): 4 June 1987 at 1610 hrs

Location: Gatwick Airport

Type of flight: Airline non-scheduled passenger

Persons on board: Crew — 6 Passengers — 100

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Minor

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 58 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: Over 12000 hours (of which over 9000 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was parked on its stand and had just been refuelled. A number of passengers had been embarked, but the flight was to be delayed pending the arrival of further passengers.

A ground tug, which was connected by a tow-bar to the nose gear, was instructed to go to assist an incoming aircraft and drove off with the tow-bar still connected to the aircraft. Despite the application of the aircraft's brakes by the crew the aircraft moved forward sufficiently to cause the right wing tip to strike the refuelling vehicle, which was still connected, and to pull the ground power plug from its socket.

The passengers were then disembarked.