

Boeing 737-236, G-BGDL, 9 April 1996

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INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Boeing 737-236, G-BGDL

No & Type of Engines: 2 Pratt & Whitney JT8D-15A turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date & Time (UTC): 9 April 1996 at 1115 hrs

Location: London Gatwick Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - 6 Passengers - 113

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Dent in left wing tip

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 51 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 17,000 hours (of which 9,000 were on type)

Last 90 days - 119 hours

Last 28 days - 56 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

At the conclusion of a flight from Aberdeen, the aircraft was parking on stand 56L at Gatwick when the left wing tip hit a set of mobile steps which had been parked in such a way that they infringed the aircraft manoeuvring area. The captain reported that he did see the steps but considered them to be clear of his aircraft, his attention was then taken by ground staff walking in front of the aircraft and the movement of the airbridge.