

Boeing 737-300, OO-VEG

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Boeing 737-300, OO-VEG
No & Type of Engines:	2 CFM56-3C1 turbofan engines
Year of Manufacture:	1998
Date & Time (UTC):	10 June 2001 at 1840 hrs
Location:	London Heathrow Airport
Type of Flight:	Public Transport
Persons on Board:	Crew - 6 - Passengers - 94
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Outboard starboard wing panel dented and pierced
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilots Licence
Commander's Age:	32 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	5,390 hours (of which 4,950 were on type) Last 28 days - 54 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and enquiries by the AAIB

Just after the completion of passenger boarding, the flight crew were aware of an impact on the aircraft. On inspection, the commander found that a vehicle had been driven underneath his starboard wing causing damage. He instructed the passengers to disembark normally.

The vehicle driver had just left the aircraft after a delivery and, because of congestion, had attempted to drive underneath the wing. Following an investigation by the handling agent, the

driver was given retraining on vehicle handling and ramp safety. Temporarily, he has also been taken off driving duties on the aircraft manoeuvring areas.