

BAe 146-300, G-BPNT

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| Aircraft Type and Registration: | BAe 146-300, G-BPNT |
| No & Type of Engines: | 4 Lycoming ALF 502-R5 turbofan engines |
| Year of Manufacture: | 1989 |
| Date & Time (UTC): | 17 February 1997 at 0550 hrs |
| Location: | Exeter Airport, Devon |
| Type of Flight: | Public Transport |
| Persons on Board: | Crew - 2 - Passengers - None |
| Injuries: | Crew - 1 Minor - Passengers - N/A |
| Nature of Damage: | None |
| Commander's Licence: | Airline Transport Pilot's Licence |
| Commander's Age: | 47 years |
| Commander's Flying Experience: | 12,200 hours (of which 3,000 were on type) Last 90 days - 200 hours Last 28 days - 70 hours |
| Information Source: | Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot |

The aircraft was parked with the doors closed and no electrical power connected. The commander entered the flight deck through the electronics bay; he then opened the main passenger door and deployed the airstair. Unfortunately he had not replaced the electronics bay access hatch and, in the darkness, the first officer fell through the hole when she entered the flight deck.