Fokker F28 Mark 070, G-BVTF

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Fokker F28 Mark 070, G-BVTF

No & Type of Engines: 2 Rolls-Royce TAY 620-15 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1995

Date & Time (UTC): 23 April 1999 at 2200 hrs

Location: Stand 53, Birmingham Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport (Passenger)

Persons on Board: Crew - 3 - Passengers - 40

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to right inboard flap fairing

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 37 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 5,753 hours (of which 1,929 were on type)

Last 90 days - 90 hours

Last 28 days - 44 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

During passenger disembarkation a baggage truck, positioning adjacent to the rear cargo door, struck the right inboard flap fairing. The collision caused the aircraft to move forward against the brakes but none of the passengers or crew were injured. The truck sustained damage to its windscreen and its driver, although uninjured, suffered from shock.

The Fokker F28 Mark 070 rear cargo door is positioned beneath the right engine nacelle and in line with the right inboard flap fairing. The commander reported that there appeared to be no secondary supervisory personnel present to monitor the baggage truck during its manoeuvring. Furthermore he has suggested in his report to the company that the inboard flap fairing should be painted orange to improve its conspicuity. The company are considering his proposal.