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Aircraft Type and Registration: Boeing 757-236, G-BIKD

No & Type of Engines: 2 Rolls-Royce RB211-535C-37 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1982

Date & Time (UTC): 7 March 1995 at 1025 hrs

Location: Glasgow Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - 8 Passengers - 130

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Fuselage punctured adjacent to rear cargo hold

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 50 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 14,080 hours (of which 5,090 were on type)
Last 90 days - N/A
Last 28 days - N/A

Information Source: Air Safety Report Form submitted by the operator, and
an Occurrence Report Form submitted to the CAA by the
Airport Authority

The aircraft was parked on Stand 19 and was being loaded prior to departure for London Heathrow Airport. A belt loading type baggage vehicle was being positioned at the rear cargo hold of the aircraft. The driver stated that when he selected reverse gear on the automatic transmission the vehicle moved forward, causing it to come into contact with the fuselage of the aircraft, scraping and puncturing the skin. The aircraft was taken out of service, and the damage assessed by engineers. It was then approved for an unpressurised ferry flight back to its base at Heathrow for repairs. The loading vehicle was inspected by the Airport Authority, but no defects were found which could have accounted for its movement in an uncommanded direction.

The driver had been recently employed by a handling agency new to operating at Glasgow Airport, and had not previously worked as an airside driver. He had undergone an airside driver training course provided by the handling agency, as well as the course given by the Airport Authority prior to the issue of an Airside Driver Permit.

The handling agency has now appointed a local training officer, and have written to all staff members reiterating the need to observe the required operational procedures.