

Boeing 737-500, G-MSKD, 25 February 1998

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Boeing 737-500, G-MSKD
No & Type of Engines:	2 CFM56 turbofan engines
Year of Manufacture:	1990
Date & Time (UTC):	25 February 1998 at 1245 hrs
Location:	En route to Birmingham Airport
Type of Flight:	Positioning Flight
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Minor damage to left tailplane leading edge
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	37 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	5,762 hours (of which 482 were on type) Last 90 days - 131 hours Last 28 days - 49 hours
Information Source:	Air Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Following landing at Birmingham Airport, after a positioning flight from East Midlands Airport, it was found that an access panel had detached from the No.1 engine pylon. Associated minor damage was found on the leading edge of the left tailplane. The aircraft's crew had not been aware of any problem until the missing panel was noticed after arrival at Birmingham. The associated access panel was not recovered, but its detachment was reported to have been attributed to lack of proper securement.