

INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Airbus A320-111, G-BUSE

No & Type of Engines: 2 CFM 56-5-A1 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1988

Date & Time (UTC): 17 November 1994 at 0810 hrs

Location: London Heathrow Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - 6 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Two deep scores on aileron underside

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 48 years

Commander's Flying Experience: N/A

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by British Airways Air Safety Section

Whilst the aircraft was parked on Stand R38L at Heathrow, a Lantis container loading vehicle passed under the right wingtip and its fixed ladder struck the underside of the aileron. The aileron was replaced before the aircraft was returned to service.

Lantis loading vehicles require the ladder, which is attached to their side, to be shortened for use with A320 aircraft, but this vehicle, because it normally operated from Terminal 2, had not been modified.