

**AAIB Bulletin No:** 11/95

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**Category:** 1.1

**Aircraft Type and Registration:** BAe 146-200 (Avro RJ85), D-AVRO

**No & Type of Engines:** 4 Textron Lycoming LF 507-1 turbofan engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 1994

**Date & Time (UTC):** 15 September 1995 at 1945 hrs

**Location:** Stand G14, Terminal 2, London Heathrow Airport

**Type of Flight:** Public Transport

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 4                      Passengers - 60

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Forward fuselage holed adjacent to forward hold door

**Commander's Licence:** Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 34 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 5,000 hours (of which 500 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 210 hours  
Last 28 days - 70 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot,  
and report submitted by the handling agents

The aircraft was in the process of being loaded for a scheduled passenger service flight. A Baggage Conveyor vehicle (belt loader), which had been borrowed from another company, was being positioned at the forward hold by a member of the handling agency staff. The driver reported that his foot slipped off the brake pedal, and the forward end of the loader hit the side of the fuselage adjacent to the hold door, puncturing the skin panel with a hole around 25 cm in diameter. The ramp area surface condition was reported as being wet at that time. The aircraft was taken out of service for repair.