

# Airbus A330-343, C-GHKX

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## INCIDENT

**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Airbus A330-343, C-GHKX

**No & Type of Engines:** 2 Rolls Royce Trent 772B turbofan engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 2001

**Date & Time (UTC):** 6 December 2002 at 1724 hrs

**Location:** London Heathrow Airport

**Type of Flight:** Public Transport

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 14 Passengers - 261

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

**Nature of Damage:** None

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

**Commander's Age:** 53 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** Total not reported (748 hrs on type)

Last 90 days - 166 hours

Last 28 days - 65 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was taxiing towards the holding point for Runway 09R at London Heathrow Airport. As the aircraft approached the holding area there was one other aircraft ahead on the taxiway, which had already been cleared for takeoff. Resurfacing work was in progress on the adjoining link taxiway at Block 102 and as a consequence of this the usual taxiway centreline green lighting was not available in the immediate area. The taxiway was thus marked by blue edge lights alone. The commander became confused about the position of the taxiway centreline, the starboard main landing gear wheels left the paved surface and sunk into the grass on the north side.

The commander had not received any Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) regarding the work in progress and thus was not expecting any unusual features on the taxiway. Furthermore he commented that the wing of the aircraft in front had been obscuring some of the blue edge lights of the holding bay

ahead. A NOTAM detailing the unusual lighting configuration on this taxiway was subsequently issued by ATC.