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Aircraft Type and Registration: Boeing 747-269, 9K-ADC

No & Type of Engines: 4 Pratt & Whitney JT9D turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: Not known

Date & Time (UTC): 17 December 1992 at 1005 hrs

Location: London Heathrow Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - 3 Passengers - 352

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to the fibreglass skin of the left outboard elevator

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 47 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 13,600 hours (of which 1,700 were on type)
Last 90 days - 128 hours
Last 28 days - 50 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Whilst carrying out preflight deicing of the aircraft, on stand L23, the deicing unit struck the left outboard elevator and made a "V" shaped cut, about 8 inches long and 8 inches wide, in the fibreglass skin.