

Boeing 737-436, G-DOCH

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Boeing 737-436, G-DOCH
No & Type of Engines:	2 CFM56-3C1 turbofan engines
Year of Manufacture:	1991
Date & Time (UTC):	27 June 1999 at 0940 hrs
Location:	Aberdeen Airport
Type of Flight:	Public Transport
Persons on Board:	Crew - N/K - Passengers - N/K
Injuries:	Crew - N/K - Passengers - N/K
Nature of Damage:	Serious damage to the starboard horizontal stabiliser tip
Commander's Licence:	N/K
Commander's Age:	N/K
Commander's Flying Experience:	N/K Last 90 days - N/K Last 28 days - N/K
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the aircraft and airport Operators

The driver of a set of motorised passenger steps, who had been tasked with servicing an inbound Boeing 757 flight on Stand 7, was stationary behind a Boeing 737, G-DOCH, that was parked on Stand 6. After the inbound aircraft arrived on-stand the driver moved the motorised steps forward and collided with the tip of the starboard horizontal stabiliser of the Boeing 737, G-DOCH. The impact, which was also felt on the flight deck, caused a member of the cabin crew of G-DOCH to fall over. Inspection of the scene by the airport management revealed that G-DOCH was parked approximately 1 metre short of the Stand stop mark which resulted in the trailing edge tips of the horizontal stabiliser protruding over the white roadway line at the rear of the Stand.