ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: BAe 146-RJ100, G-BZAT
No & Type of Engines: 4 Lycoming LF507-1F turbofan engines
Year of Manufacture: 1997
Date & Time (UTC): 7 October 2005 at 1300 hrs
Location: Stand 3, Birmingham Airport, West Midlands
Type of Flight: Public Transport (Passenger)
Persons on Board: Crew - None   Passengers - None
Injuries: Crew - N/A   Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage: Skin pulled from door frame structure, skin torn in two places
Commander’s Licence: Air Transport Pilot’s Licence
Commander’s Age: 37 years
Commander’s Flying Experience: 8,338 hours  (of which 1,191 were on type)
Last 90 days - 85 hours
Last 28 days - 39 hours
Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

On completion of loading the rear baggage hold, prior to the aircraft’s departure, the motorised baggage loading belt struck the forward edge of the hold aperture whilst reversing from the aircraft. The impact pulled the aircraft skin from the door frame structure and tore it in two places. Repairs to the aircraft were necessary prior to the aircraft returning to service. An examination of the loading belt showed that it was fully serviceable at the time of the incident.