

Boeing 737-46B, G-OBMN, 5 April 1996

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Boeing 737-46B, G-OBMN

No & Type of Engines: 2 CFM56-3C1 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1989

Date & Time (UTC): 5 April 1996 at 1940 hrs

Location: In cruise 20 nm from Wallasey VOR

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - 7 Passengers - 157

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: None

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 54 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 19,000 hours (of which 4000 were on type)

Last 90 days - 574 hours

Last 28 days - 159 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The commander was undergoing a line check on a scheduled flight from London Heathrow Airport to Belfast Airport. In the cruise, at FL 310, the check captain "slumped" in his seat; the commander, who at first thought he may be feigning incapacitation as part of the check, pushed him back in the seat and locked the harness. Almost immediately the check captain began to vomit; the commander called a steward to the flight deck to assist him and continued the flight to Belfast, with the steward occupying the jump seat. Subsequently the check captain was found to have been suffering from a gastric disorder.