

INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Boeing 737-236, G-BKYM
No & Type of Engines: 2 Pratt & Whitney JT8D-15A turbofan engines
Year of Manufacture: 1985
Date & Time (UTC): 16 March 1993 at 0755 hrs
Location: Stand D48R, London Heathrow Airport
Type of Flight: Scheduled Passenger
Persons on Board: Crew - 4 Passengers - None
Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage: Damage to right aileron trim tab
Commander's Licence: Not applicable
Commander's Age: Not applicable
Commander's Flying Experience: Not applicable
Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the operator

The aircraft was being prepared for a scheduled service departure to Toulouse. The cabin crew had boarded the aircraft, but the flight deck crew were not yet on board. A mail vehicle was being manoeuvred between the right wing and the baggage loading conveyor positioned at the rear hold of the aircraft. The driver of the vehicle had previously been working in proximity to a different type of aircraft with greater clearance between the wingtip and the rear hold. He intended to reverse towards the baggage conveyor, but while positioning the vehicle he inadvertently drove too far forward. This caused the front nearside of the vehicle to contact the right aileron trim tab. The aircraft was withdrawn from service until repairs were carried out.