

Boeing 737-59D, G-OBMX

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INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Boeing 737-59D, G-OBMX
No & Type of Engines:	2 CFM 56-3C1 turbofan engines
Year of Manufacture:	1991
Date & Time (UTC):	22 October 2000 at 1510 hrs
Location:	London Heathrow Airport
Type of Flight:	Public Transport (Passenger)
Persons on Board:	Crew - Not Known - Passengers - Not Known
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Engine damage
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	32 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	5,670 hours (of which 5,400 were on type) Last 90 days - 182 hours Last 28 days - 59 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was being taxiied to park on Stand B27R at London Heathrow Airport. The stand guidance system was switched on, normally an indication that the stand has been inspected and verified clear for use. The aircraft turned onto the stand then, as it approached the parking position, a ground crewman signalled to the crew to stop and to shut down the right engine. The engine had contacted a set of low steps and ingested a pallet clip which had been left on them.

The crew observed that there were a number of distractions in the vicinity of the stand which may have diverted their attention. There was another aircraft completing a pushback on an adjacent stand and a ground crewman was re-positioning the ground power cable which was required because the aircraft APU was unserviceable.