No: 4/88 Ref: 1a

Aircraft Type

and Registration: Jetstream 3102 G-CBEA

No & Type of Engines: 2 Garrett Airesearch TFE 731-3R-1H turbo-propeller engines

Year of Manufacture: 1983

Date and Time (UTC): 4 January 1988 at 0702 hrs

Location: Birmingham Airport

Type of Flight: Airline scheduled passenger

Persons on Board: Crew - 3 Passengers - 4

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Left propeller, wing fairing and left nose area damaged

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 52 years

Commander's Total

Flying Experience: 7980 hours (of which 207 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was parked at the terminal with a ground power converter unit plugged in. The left engine had been started and the commander was just starting the right engine when the propeller wash from an aircraft departing the stand in front blew the ground power unit into the left propeller. Fragments of the left propeller penetrated the left inner wing fairing and the radio compartment on the left side of the nose. The engines were shut down immediately and the passengers evacuated the aircraft.