

# Boeing 757-204, G-BYAT

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Boeing 757-204, G-BYAT

**No & Type of Engines:** 2 Rolls-Royce RB211-535E4 turbofan engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 1994

**Date & Time (UTC):** 28 September 2000 at 1748 hrs

**Location:** Stand 15, London Gatwick Airport

**Type of Flight:** Public Transport

**Persons on Board:** Crew - N/K - Passengers - N/K

**Injuries:** Crew - N/A - Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Major damage to left underside of rear fuselage

**Commander's Licence:** Not relevant

**Commander's Age:** Not relevant

**Commander's Flying Experience:** Not relevant

**Information Source:** CAA Occurrence Report

The aircraft was closed up and awaiting pushback from Stand 15. The steps had been withdrawn from the rear door but it appears that, although the step hand brake had been applied, the drawbar pin had been only partially pulled up. The towing vehicle driver decided to leave the stand by passing under the aircraft tail area. Unfortunately the steps were still attached to the vehicle and the top of them struck the left underside of the rear fuselage.