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INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Airbus Industrie A310-222, 5N-AUH

No & Type of Engines: 2 Pratt & Whitney JT9D-7R4E1 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1984

Date & Time (UTC): 24 May 1992 at 0044 hrs

Location: Stand H7, London Heathrow Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport - During turn-round operations

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

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Puncture of Flap Track Fairing

Commander's Licence: N/K

Commander's Age: N/K

Commander's Flying Experience: N/K

Information Source: AAIB Inquiries

During turn-round operations a servicing vehicle was manoeuvring into position, at a door just aft of the wing trailing edge, when a tall step-ladder which was attached to the vehicle struck the flap fairing. The vehicle driver felt the collision but, although he stopped immediately, the ladder punctured the skin of the flap fairing.

Examination by the airline maintenance engineers showed that the structure and attachments of the fairing had not been affected and that the skin was only locally punctured. The hole was temporarily patched, using self adhesive metal foil tape, and the aircraft was despatched.