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Aircraft Type and Registration: McDonnell Douglas DC 8-73, N4865T

No & Type of Engines: 4 General Electric CFM 56 turbofans

Year of Manufacture: 1982

Date and Time (UTC): 4 September 1988 at 0339 hrs

Location: Prestwick Airport, Ayrshire, Scotland

Type of Flight: Airline Scheduled Cargo

Persons on Board: Crew - 4 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: No 4 engine cowling scraped and gearbox cracked

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 48 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 14,000 hours (of which 8000 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft landed on runway 31 at Prestwick after a flight from New York. The wind was 220° to 230° at 15 kt. Marks found on the runway and subsequent inspection of the No 4 engine cowlings revealed that the engine had struck the runway on landing although the crew were unaware of it at the time.