

Boeing 737-5Q8, G-BVZI

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Boeing 737-5Q8, G-BVZI
No & Type of Engines:	2 CFM56-3C1 turbofan engines
Year of Manufacture:	1991
Date & Time (UTC):	19 August 1997 at 1920 hrs
Location:	London Heathrow Airport
Type of Flight:	Public Transport
Persons on Board:	Crew - 6 - Passengers - 33
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Small hole in aircraft skin close to flight deck
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	57 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	Not relevant
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was parked on Stand 25L with the shutdown checks complete when the commander, who was completing the post-flight paperwork, realised that a baggage tug vehicle had collided with the airframe adjacent to the flight deck. Examination of the damage revealed a puncture hole the 'size of a tennis ball'. The passengers disembarked normally and the aircraft was withdrawn from service pending repair.