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Aircraft Type and Registration: Boeing 747-136, G-AWNH

No & Type of Engines: 4 Pratt & Whitney JT9D-7A turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1971

Date & Time (UTC): 10 December 1995 at 1300 hrs

Location: London Heathrow Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - 18 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Tip of port stabiliser

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 46 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 10,819 hours (of which 6,127 were on type)
Last 90 days - 184 hours
Last 28 days - 92 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

During de-icing operations carried out whilst the flight crew completed the pre-flight checks, the de-icing rig struck the port stabiliser. The operator on the elevated section of the rig suffered minor injuries, and the aircraft was withdrawn from service to allow repairs to be carried out.