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Aircraft type and registration: Vickers VC8 Viscount G-AOYI

No & Type of engines: 4 Rolls Royce Dart 510F turbo prop engines

Year of Manufacture: 1957

Date and time (GMT): 25 May 1986 at 1000 hrs

Location: Stansted (London) Airport

Type of flight: Airline Scheduled Passenger

Persons on board: Crew — 4 Passengers — 75

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Damage to aircraft nose gear doors

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 48 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 11,976 hours (of which 92 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

After engine start, the ground power unit (GPU) was unplugged and driven to a point forward and clear of the starboard wing. A moment later the commander saw the GPU rolling back towards the aircraft and, realising that it might collide with the aircraft, he shut down the engines. The marshaller ran towards the GPU but was unable to stop it before it collided with the nose of the aircraft at approximately 4 mph. The commander left the aircraft to assess the damage and found the GPU jammed under the nose gear doors with its engine still running.