

Fokker F28 Mark 0100, G-BVJA, 3 May 1996

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Aircraft Type and Registration:Fokker F28 Mark 0100, G-BVJA

No & Type of Engines:2 Rolls Royce TAY 650-15 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture:1994

Date & Time (UTC):3 May 1996 at 0701 hrs

Location:London Heathrow Airport

Type of Flight:Public Transport

Persons on Board:Crew - 6 Passengers - 73

Injuries:Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage:Slight to forward service door, slide and slide arming bar

Commander's Licence:Airline Transport Pilot's Licence with Instrument Rating

Commander's Age:42 years

Commander's Flying Experience:9,880 hours (of which 1059 were on type)

Last 90 days - 111 hours

Last 28 days - 51 hours

Information Source:Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was about to depart from stand C14 for its scheduled service to Prague. As the catering vehicle reversed away from the forward service door, the loading platform of the vehicle came into contact with the aircraft damaging the door, the emergency escape slide and its arming bar.

The commander reported that the collision had occurred because the vehicle's front wheels were offset to one side as it reversed.