

Boeing 757-236, G-BIKM

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Boeing 757-236, G-BIKM

No & Type of Engines: 2 Rolls-Royce RB211-535C-37 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1983

Date & Time (UTC): 25 November 1999 at 1045 hrs

Location: London Heathrow Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - 9 - Passengers - 147

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None
Ground staff - 1 (minor)

Nature of Damage: Damage to nosewheel tyre

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 47 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 11,500 hours (of which 1,000 were on type)
Last 90 days - 171 hours
Last 28 days - 39 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was taxied to abeam Stand S2 where the engines were shutdown and the park brake applied. Communication was established with the ground engineer as the tug was observed, with the tow bar attached, reversing towards the aircraft. A 'clunk' was heard and the aircraft jolted as the tow bar made contact with the nose landing gear. The tug driver suffered a minor injury in the impact, and so an ambulance was called. He was later taken to hospital as a precautionary measure. Several other vehicles also attended, including the Police, Airport Fire Service and the airline's engineering organisation.

One of the nosewheel tyres was found to have been damaged, and so the aircraft was towed to Stand S1 by another tug, where the nosewheel was replaced.