

MD 87, VP-BOP

AAIB Bulletin No:	12/99	Ref:	EW/G99/09/15	Category:	1.1
Aircraft Type and Registration:	MD 87, VP-BOP				
No & Type of Engines:	2 JT8D-219 turbofan engines				
Year of Manufacture:	1988				
Date & Time (UTC):	10 September 1999 at 1525 hrs				
Location:	Stansted Airport, Essex				
Type of Flight:	Public Transport				
Persons on Board:	Crew - 5 - Passengers - 62				
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - None				
Nature of Damage:	Severe buckling of the skin and window belt panel in the area of the right side service door				
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence				
Commander's Age:	51 years				
Commander's Flying Experience:	9,100 hours (of which 2,100 were on type)				
	Last 90 days - 120 hours				
	Last 28 days - 35 hours				
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot				

The aircraft had parked on Stand 504 at London Stansted Airport and the passengers were disembarking. A catering vehicle approached the aircraft from the right side at the service door location and struck the aircraft with some force. The vehicle driver had taken his foot off the clutch with the vehicle still in gear allowing it to lurch forward. Following advice from the repair organisation the aircraft was flown to Shannon for repair.