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Aircraft type and registration:	Boeing 747-130 EI-BED	
No & Type of engines:	4 Pratt & Whitney JT9D-7 turbine engines	
Year of Manufacture:	1970	
Date and time (UTC):	20 May 1986 at 1537 hrs	
Location:	Birmingham Airport	
Type of flight:	Airline scheduled passenger	
Persons on board:	Crew — 18	Passengers — 273
Injuries:	Crew — None	Passengers — None
Nature of damage:	Damage to six windows on the left side of the aircraft	
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	52 years	
Commander's Total Flying Experience:	13,624 hours (of which 119 were on type)	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Forms submitted by Flight Safety Officer and Birmingham Airport Director.	

The aircraft was being taxied to park on stand C13 when it struck the retracted airbridge and stopped short with its nosewheel about 2 feet to the left of the centre line.

Heavy rain was falling as the First Officer attempted to align the aircraft using the Safegate Docking System onto the stand which is at the end of the cul-de-sac and adjacent to an equipment parking area.