

# Boeing 757-236, G-BIKB, 13 July 1996

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Boeing 757-236, G-BIKB

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

**Year of Manufacture:** 1982

**Date & Time (UTC):** 13 July 1996 at 1715 hrs

**Location:** Stand C22, London Heathrow Airport

**Type of Flight:** Public Transport

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 6                      Passengers - 165

**Injuries:** Crew - Nil                      Passengers - Nil

**Nature of Damage:** Minor dent to forward fuselage

**Commander's Licence:** Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** Not applicable

**Commander's Flying Experience:** Not applicable

**Information Source:**

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted  
by the pilot

The aircraft was parked on stand C22 at London Heathrow with a tug positioned under the nose for push back. The tug driver was accompanied in the cab by a work experience student. Prior to engine start the tug driver left the student unsupervised in the cab to deal with a problem with the tow bar. During this time the student inadvertently operated the cab height mechanism raising the cab and bringing it into contact with the aircraft fuselage forward of the nose landing gear causing minor damage. The passengers were disembarked and the aircraft withdrawn from service.