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Aircraft Type and Registration: Boeing 737-200, C-STEV

No & Type of Engines: 2 turbofan engines

Date and Time (UTC): 17 June 1990 at 1825 hrs

Location: Exeter Airport, Devon

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - 6 Passengers - 123

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Tear in fuselage skin immediately aft of left side front door

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the Airfield Operations Manager

Whilst the passengers were boarding the aircraft through the front main door, an electric tug was being positioned in preparation for the removal of the boarding steps. During this manoeuvre the front right hand corner of the tug's cabin came into contact with the aircraft, causing a 12" x 6" tear in the fuselage skin aft of the main door. The passengers were disembarked and the aircraft withdrawn from service for repairs to be carried out.