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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** (1) DC-10-30, OH-LHE  
(2) Boeing 757-28A, G-OOOJ

**No & Type of Engines:** (1) 3 General Electric CF6-50C2 turbofans  
(2) 2 Rolls Royce RB211 545E4 turbofans

**Year of Manufacture:** (1) 1978  
(2) 1988

**Date and Time (UTC):** 19 October 1989 at 2238 hrs

**Location:** Luton Airport

**Type of Flight:** (1) Airline non-scheduled passenger  
(2) N/A - aircraft parked unoccupied

**Persons on Board:** (1) Crew - 13                      Passengers - 292  
(2) Crew - N/A                      Passengers - N/A

**Injuries:** (1) Crew - None                      Passengers - None  
(2) N/A

**Nature of Damage:** (1) Minor damage to right wingtip  
(2) Minor damage to tail cone

**Commander's Licence:** (1) Airline Transport Pilot's Licence with Instrument Rating  
(2) N/A

**Commander's Age:** (1) 51 years  
(2) N/A

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** (1) 15,952 hours (of which 1221 were on type)  
(2) N/A

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and operating company

The DC 10-30 aircraft, OH-LHE requested and had been given start-up and push back clearance from Stand 7 at Luton Airport, prior to a planned flight to Helsinki. During push back, as the aircraft was being turned onto the centre of the taxiway, the right hand wingtip struck the tail of the Boeing 757-28A aircraft, G-OOOJ, which was parked nose-in on a parking area on the opposite side of the taxiway. The engines were shut down and the aircraft towed back to the stand where the passengers disembarked without further incident.

The accident occurred during the hours of darkness and in moderate rain. It is reported that, at the time of the accident, the Boeing 757 was parked such that the tail protruded about 1.5 metres out over the line limiting the parking area.