Boeing 747-200, JA 8181, 1 December 1998 at 1555 hrs

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Boeing 747-200, JA 8181

No & Type of Engines: 4 RB211 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: N/K

Date & Time (UTC): 1 December 1998 at 1555 hrs

Location: London Heathrow Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - N/K - Passengers - N/K

Injuries: Crew - N/A - Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Minor to No 4 engine cowling

Commander's Licence: Air Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: N/K

Commander's Flying Experience:

Last 90 days - N/K

Last 28 days - N/K

Information Source: Accident Report submitted by the Operator

The aircraft had landed on Runway 09 left and was proceeding to its stand via the inner taxiway when the crew observed a vehicle parked on the grass area adjacent to the taxiway. The crew judged that there was no risk of collision and continued to park on Stand A6. On arrival at the stand, the crew were informed that the cowling of No 4 engine had been damaged. At no time did the crew hear or feel anything to lead them to believe that they had hit anything.