

# Boeing 737-400, G-SFBH , 27 August 1997

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<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Boeing 737-400, G-SFBH
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	2 CFM56-3C1 turbofan engines
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1997
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	27 August 1997 at 1920 hrs
<b>Location:</b>	London Heathrow Airport, Middlesex
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Public Transport
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 8 - Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Pressure hull punctured in two places
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	37 years
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	7,400 hours (of which 3,100 were on type) Last 90 days - 220 hours Last 28 days - 74 hours
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft had parked on Stand N82 at London Heathrow Airport and the passengers had disembarked. The belt loader was in position at the rear cargo hold door. The outer end of it was struck by a baggage trolley that was being towed away from the aircraft. This forced the other end of the loader against the fuselage puncturing it in two places. It was a dark night and the commander considered that this may have been a factor in the accident.