Boeing 737-59D, G-OBMY, 22 April 1996

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Boeing 737-59D, G-OBMY

No & Type of Engines: 2 CFM56-3C1 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1991

Date & Time (UTC):22 April 1996 at 1410 hrs

Location: London Heathrow Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board:Crew - 5 Passengers - None

Injuries:Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Dent in left-hand wing tip

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:52 years

Commander's Flying Experience:12,600 hours (of which 970 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and HeathrowPolice report

The aircraft was parked on Stand 25 right on pier B at terminalone (B25R), a second B737 was parked adjacent to it on stand 25left (B25L). A high-lift catering truck which had been attending to the aircraft on Stand B25L was reversing away from the aircraftwhen it struck the left-hand wing tip of the aircraft on B25R. The driver of the catering truck was using an assistant to guidehim as he reversed. The assistant had ensured that the truckwas clear of the wing tip on the left-hand side and was movingacross to the right-hand side of the truck at its rear to see that it was clear on that side also when it collided with thewing tip. The collision occurred at the time that the assistantwas out of the field of view of the driver of the truck.