McDonnell Douglas MD-83, HB-IKN

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Aircraft Type and Registration: McDonnell Douglas MD-83, HB-IKN

No & Type of Engines: 2 Pratt and Whitney JT8D-219 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1991

Date & Time (UTC): 24 November 1996 at 1830 hrs

Location: Stand 5, Luton International Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - 7 - Passengers - 64

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to right wing tip

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 35 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 6,582 hours (of which 4,421 were on type)

Last 90 days - 187 hours

Last 28 days - 84 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was parked on Stand 5 at Luton Airport for passengerdisembarkation. Two baggage vehicles were parked at the end of amobile baggage conveyor to receive baggage from the rear cargohold. As the vehicle closest to the right wing of the aircraftwas reversed its anti-collision beacon struck the right wing tip. The flight crew, who were in the cockpit at the time, were notaware of the incident.