

EMB-145EP, G-RJXE

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Aircraft Type and Registration: EMB-145EP, G-RJXE

No & Type of Engines: 2 Allison AE 3007 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1999

Date & Time (UTC): 15 July 2000 at 1250 hrs

Location: Leeds Bradford Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - 4 - Passengers - 3

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Fuselage skin punctured between windows 1 and 2

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: Not known

Commander's Flying Experience: Not applicable

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Under the guidance of a marshaller, an 'Ambu-lift' vehicle was reversing to position adjacent to the aircraft's right service door in order to assist a wheel chair passenger with boarding. As the vehicle reversed the right rear guard rail, which was in the horizontal position extending beyond the ramp edge, penetrated the fuselage skin between windows No 1 and No 2. As a result of this damage the aircraft was withdrawn from service and later flown unpressurised to East Midlands airport for repairs.