

Boeing 747-236B, G-BDXC

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Boeing 747-236B, G-BDXC

No & Type of Engines: 4 Rolls-Royce RB211-524D4-19 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1977

Date & Time (UTC): 15 July 1999 at 0930 hrs

Location: Stand W1, London Heathrow Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

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

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to right wing root fairing

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 51 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 13,000 hours (of which 2,000 were on type)

Last 90 days - Not known

Last 28 days - 75 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and a report from the ground handling agents

While the passengers were disembarking, a catering vehicle was marshalled into position on the right side of the aircraft. The driver applied the handbrake once the vehicle had come to rest and took his foot off the clutch pedal. However, the vehicle was still in gear and it lurched forward and contacted the aircraft.