

Boeing 737-548, EI-CDS

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Boeing 737-548, EI-CDS
No & Type of Engines:	2 CFM56-3-B1 turbofan engines
Year of Manufacture:	1992
Date & Time (UTC):	16 December 1997 at 1053 hrs
Location:	London (Heathrow) Airport
Type of Flight:	Public Transport
Persons on Board:	Crew - 4 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to engine cowling
Commander's Licence:	Not relevant
Commander's Age:	Not relevant
Commander's Flying Experience:	Not relevant
Information Source:	Accident Report Form submitted by the police

At the time of the occurrence the aircraft was parked on StandN90 and was being loaded and refuelled; the flight crew had not yet boarded the aircraft. A small tug, towing a line of baggage trucks, approached the aircraft and attempted to manoeuvre the baggage trucks close to the forward hold. The driver misjudged the turn and the tug struck the right engine cowling at a slow speed causing a 3 inch split in the cowling.