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Aircraft Type and Registration: BAC One Eleven 301AG, G-ATPL

No & Type of Engines: 2 Rolls-Royce Spey 511-14

Year of Manufacture: 1966

Date and Time (UTC): 22 May 1989 at 0945 hrs

Location: Gatwick Airport

Type of Flight: Scheduled

Persons on Board: Crew - 6 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Port wingtip destroyed; port aileron severely damaged

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 58 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 11,020 hours (of which 6,760 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form Submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was parked at Stand 7 with another aircraft parked on Stand 9R, immediately to its left. The aircraft on the left was being serviced by a fuel bowser, a catering truck and baggage trolleys.

Just prior to push-back, with the tug connected and the loading finger in position at the forward door, the nose of G-ATPL moved violently to the right when a ground tractor struck and embedded itself in the port wingtip.

The commander of G-ATPL observed that no vehicle manoeuvring space was marked between the two stands, which were separated by a single white line, and that any vehicle straddling the line would infringe both parking stands.