

BAe 146-300, G-JEBA

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INCIDENT		
Aircraft Type and Registration:	BAe 146-300, G-JEBA	
No & Type of Engines:	4 Lycoming ALF502R-5 turbofan engines	
Year of Manufacture:	1990	
Date & Time (UTC):	2 April 2004	
Location:	40 nm NW of Paris, France	
Type of Flight:	Public Transport (Passenger)	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 5	Passengers - 95
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	None	
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	38 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	5,388 hours (of which 236 were on type)	
	Last 90 days - 135 hours	
	Last 28 days - 55 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was on a scheduled passenger flight from Birmingham to Paris, with the First Officer handling.

Approximately 40 nm northwest of Paris, a smell of smoke was noted on the flight deck by the First Officer. The Captain was unable to see any smoke but the First Officer, who thought the odour smelled 'electrical' in origin, was able to make out a faint haze against the sun on his side of the aircraft. A MAYDAY was declared and the aircraft given radar vectors directly to Runway 09R at Paris.

The Cabin Crew subsequently reported that the smoke was clearing rapidly. The Captain could barely detect any smell at this stage and decided that oxygen was not required, either for passengers or crew. He estimated the interval between the smell first being noticed and all odours finally clearing at about two minutes.

After an uneventful landing, the aircraft taxied to the stand and the passengers disembarked normally. Subsequent investigation by the operator's engineering department identified oil leaking from the number one air-conditioning pack, attributed to an APU oil seal failure, and a smoky oven in the

galley. The suspect APU was removed for investigation and overhaul, since when there has been no recurrence of the problem.