

INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Airbus A310-221, HB-IPC	
No & Type of Engines:	2 Pratt & Whitney JT9D-7R4D1 turbofan engines	
Year of Manufacture:	1982	
Date & Time (UTC):	2 October 1993 at 1606 hrs	
Location:	London Heathrow Airport	
Type of Flight:	Public Transport	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 10	Passengers - 84
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Deformed left outboard wing trailing edge	
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	49 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	11,950 hours (of which 4,560 were on type) Last 90 days - 161 hours Last 28 days - 44 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The passengers had finished boarding at the left rear door of the aircraft and the driver of the superstairs (mobile passenger steps) reversed two or three feet from the aircraft, in order to lower them to the transit position. However, they would not lower due to a mechanical fault and the driver decided that, rather than delay the aircraft's departure, he would drive them away in the elevated position. Whilst reversing, the steps struck the trailing edge of the aircraft wing.