

INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Boeing 737-204 ADV, EI-CJD

No & Type of Engines: 2 Pratt and Whitney JT8-15 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1983

Date & Time (UTC): 7 August 1995 at 1630 hrs

Location: Manchester (International) Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - 7 Passengers - Not Supplied

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Minor to aircraft skin adjacent to forward right door

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 42 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 7,800 hours (of which 5,200 were on type)
Last 90 days - 48 hours
Last 28 days - 43 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft, which was parked on Stand 201R at Manchester Airport, was in the later stages of passenger boarding when the flight deck crew felt a noticeable jolt to the airframe. The crew had thought that the jolt had been caused by the tractor unit connecting to the tow bar, however, moments after the incident the ramp agent entered the flight deck to inform the crew that an electrically powered ground vehicle, used for towing baggage trolleys, had collided with the right side of the forward fuselage and had punctured the skin. The commander examined the damage and having decided that the aircraft was now unserviceable, disembarked the passengers.

The commander assessed that the incident had been caused when the vehicle driver had misjudged the clearance between the upper portion of the vehicle cab and the aircraft whilst manoeuvring to position adjacent to the forward baggage hold.