

No: 8/86

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Aircraft type and registration: Boeing 757-236 G-BIKF

No & Type of engines: 2 Rolls Royce RB211-535C turbine engines

Year of Manufacture: 1982

Date and time (UTC): 2 May 1986 at 1145 hrs

Location: London Heathrow Airport

Type of flight: Airline scheduled passenger

Persons on board: Crew — 8 Passengers — 97

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Scraping and wear of rear belly skin, damage to water drain mast and slight damage to the rear pressure bulkhead

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 42 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 10,987 hours (of which 154 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

The aircraft was on a scheduled flight from Manchester to London Heathrow. The surface wind was reported as 160°/10 knots and there was no significant weather. An ILS approach, to runway 10L, was flown initially by the co-pilot and then, from 500 feet, by the commander. During this latter phase of the approach, an "Alpha" warning was noted, as was the fact that the Indicated Air Speed was lower than that recommended.

The touchdown, which was described as positive, was followed by a rapid nose up pitching movement. Although this was promptly checked, the attitude achieved was noted to be higher than was normal.

The aircraft completed the landing and was taxied to the stand, where an inspection revealed that the rear fuselage had contacted the runway.