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Aircraft Type and Registration: McDonnell Douglas DC-9-82, I-DATO

No & Type of Engines: 2 Pratt & Whitney JT8D-217C turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 1993

Date & Time (UTC): 23 May 1995 at 2010 hrs

Location: Stand E5, London Heathrow Airport

Type of Flight: Public Transport

Persons on Board: Crew - Disembarking Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: A wide vee-shaped rip in the left aileron

Commander's Licence: N/A

Commander's Age: N/A

Commander's Flying Experience: N/A

Information Source: Company and Airport Police reports

The aircraft was parked and the crew were disembarking when the crew transport coach, which was not being marshalled, reversed into the trailing edge of the left aileron. The aircraft was facing west and the coach was reversing in that direction: The aircraft commander has stated that the low elevation of the bright sun, which had dazzled him whilst parking, would also have made it very difficult for the coach driver.

There were no injuries to other persons, but the rear window and nearside window pillar of the coach were broken.