

Aircraft Type and Registration: HS. 748 Series 2A, G-BVOV
No & Type of Engines: 2 Rolls-Royce Dart 534-2 turboprop engines
Year of Manufacture: 1980
Date & Time (UTC): 29 September 1995 at 2320 hrs
Location: Liverpool Airport, Merseyside
Type of Flight: Commercial
Persons on Board: Crew - 2 Passengers - None
Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage: Minor damage to radome, nose landing gear doors and skin under nose
Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age: 62 years
Commander's Flying Experience: 21,107 hours (of which 320 were on type)
Last 90 days - 99 hours
Last 28 days - 18 hours
Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and telephone enquiries by the AAIB

Having completed the engine start, the commander signalled for the ground power unit to be removed from the aircraft. The crew then obtained the departure clearance and prepared to taxi to the runway. As no obstacles could be seen from the flight deck and as no ground crew were in sight, the brakes were released and the aircraft commenced taxiing. The ground engineer was handling this departure on his own, therefore it took him some time to stow the power-cable once he had been cleared to remove the ground power unit. Just as he commenced driving away, the aircraft started to move and immediately collided with the ground power unit. The company checklists have now been changed to incorporate a positive acknowledgement from the ground crew that the area is clear prior to commencing to taxi.