

Boeing 747SP, ZS-SPA

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Boeing 747SP, ZS-SPA
No & Type of Engines:	4 Pratt & Whitney PW JT9-7F turbofan engines
Year of Manufacture:	1970
Date & Time (UTC):	4 March 1998 at 2015 hrs
Location:	London Heathrow Airport
Type of Flight:	Public Transport
Persons on Board:	Crew - 17 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to number four engine tail cone
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	53 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	N/A Last 90 days - N/A Last 28 days - N/A
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was parked on Stand 23 at London Heathrow Airport when a ground handling vehicle reversed into the number four engine. There was no marshaller present. Company policy states that a marshaller must be present when reversing a vehicle or positioning equipment onto aircraft.