



Roads, Vehicles & Equipment

Safety Alert

Airbridge Struck Mobile GPU

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1. Introduction

On the 1st of March an airbridge was being manoeuvred towards the door of an A321 that had recently arrived on stand, when the port-side of the airbridge wheel bogie collided with an incorrectly parked portable GPU that had been left within the stand footprint.

The airbridge operator was aware of the presence of the GPU prior to commencing their manoeuvre and believed they could navigate the obstacle.



2. Safety Considerations

- Perform a full visual check of the intended path of movement to check for obstacles prior to manoeuvring the airbridge. Do not rely solely on the cameras
- Should any obstacles or GSE pose a potential collision risk, ensure this is moved by a suitably trained person prior to commencing a manoeuvre

Enquiries

Any questions regarding this Safety Alert should be addressed to airside_safety@heathrow.com. Additional information, Operational Safety Instructions (OSIs) and Operational Advice Notices (OANs) can be found at heathrow.com/airside/useful-publications

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