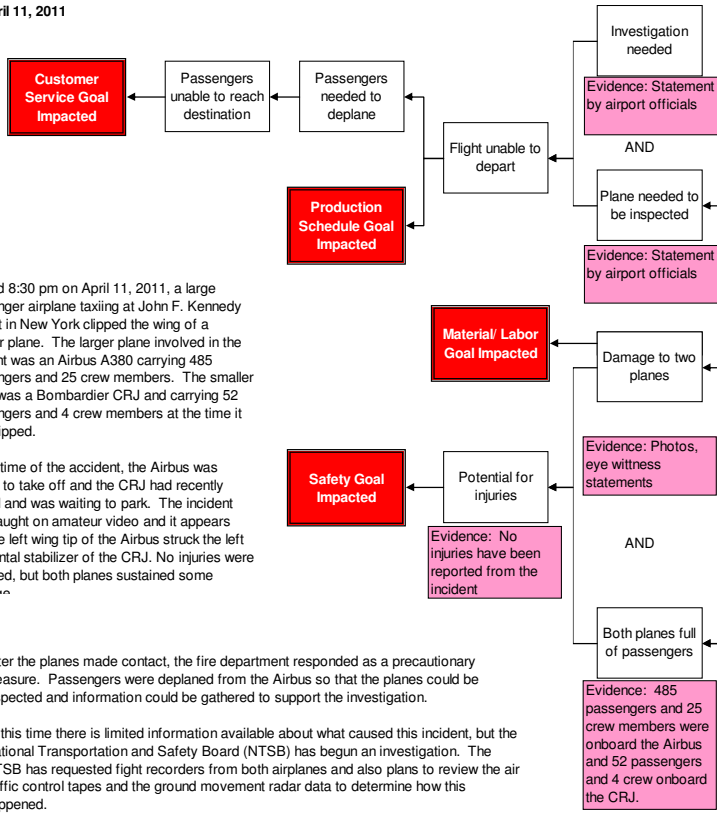


Plane Clips Another While Taxiing

Kennedy International Airport, NYC
April 11, 2011



Around 8:30 pm on April 11, 2011, a large passenger airplane taxiing at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York clipped the wing of a smaller plane. The larger plane involved in the incident was an Airbus A380 carrying 485 passengers and 25 crew members. The smaller plane was a Bombardier CRJ and carrying 52 passengers and 4 crew members at the time it was clipped.

At the time of the accident, the Airbus was taxiing to take off and the CRJ had recently landed and was waiting to park. The incident was caught on amateur video and it appears that the left wing tip of the Airbus struck the left horizontal stabilizer of the CRJ. No injuries were reported, but both planes sustained some damage.

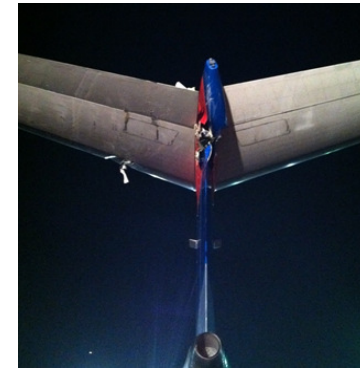
After the planes made contact, the fire department responded as a precautionary measure. Passengers were deplaned from the Airbus so that the planes could be inspected and information could be gathered to support the investigation.

At this time there is limited information available about what caused this incident, but the National Transportation and Safety Board (NTSB) has begun an investigation. The NTSB has requested flight recorders from both airplanes and also plans to review the air traffic control tapes and the ground movement radar data to determine how this happened.

Step 1. Outline the Problem

What	Problem(s)	Plane clips another plane
When	Date	April 11, 2011
	Differences	??
Where	Physical Location	JFK Airport
	Work Being Done	Taxiing

Impact to the Goals	
Safety	Potential for injuries
Environmental	??
Cust. Service	Passengers unable to reach destination
Production-Schedule	Flight unable to depart
Material, Labor Cost	Damage to two planes
	This incident ??
Frequency	??
	Annual Total ??



Damaged rudder, vertical fin and horizontal tail of the Bombardier CRJ-700. This plane is much smaller and wasn't moving at the time it was clipped.



Damaged left wing of the Airbus A380. This is the larger plane that clipped the smaller plane with its wing. Photos from NSTB investigation of incident.

Cause Map

High Level



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