

SYNOPSIS

Date and time:	Saturday, 17 September 2011; 11:12 UTC	
Site:	Palma de Mallorca Airport (Spain)	
Registration:	EC-LAJ	LN-RHH
Type and model:	Airbus A320-214	Boeing B737-800
Operator:	Orbest	SAS
Type and model:	CFM 56-5B4/P	CFM56-7B26
Number	2	2
Crew licence	ATPL(A)	ATPL(A)
Crew - injuries	6 – None	7 – None
Passengers - injuries	175 – None	174 – None
Damage	Significant	Minor
Operation (both)	Commercial Air Transport – Scheduled – International – Passenger	
Phase of flight (both)	Taxi	

An A320 aircraft, registration EC-LAJ, was stopped at the holding point on the H-2 taxiway, awaiting clearance to enter runway 24R at the Palma de Mallorca Airport to start a flight with destination Cork (Ireland). Its callsign was IWD3262.

Meanwhile, a Boeing B-737-800, registration LN-RRH, was taxiing on the north taxiway, which runs parallel to runway 06L-24R, toward taxiway H-1 to start flight SAS7874, with destination Stockholm. On crossing taxiway H-2, the left wingtip on the Boeing 737-800, LN-RRH, struck the aft section of the Airbus A320, EC-LAJ.

The crew of the Boeing B-737-800 felt the impact, stopped the aircraft immediately and called the control tower to report that they thought they had hit the Airbus A-320.

The controller sent a marshaller to check whether the two aircraft had impacted. He reported that there had been contact and that the winglet on the B-737 was stuck on the APU exhaust cone on the A-320.

The B-737 was pushed with a tractor to free it from the A-320, after which both aircraft returned under their own power to the parking stand in order to have the damage evaluated.