

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199504278**

**Boeing Co  
B747**

**15 December 1995**

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

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| <b>Occurrence Number:</b>    | 199504278               | <b>Occurrence Type:</b> | Incident |
| <b>Location:</b>             | Melbourne, Aerodrome    |                         |          |
| <b>State:</b>                | VIC                     | <b>Inv Category:</b>    | 4        |
| <b>Date:</b>                 | Friday 15 December 1995 |                         |          |
| <b>Time:</b>                 | 0624 hours              | <b>Time Zone</b>        | ESuT     |
| <b>Highest Injury Level:</b> | None                    |                         |          |

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| <b>Aircraft Manufacturer:</b> | Boeing Co               |                       |       |
| <b>Aircraft Model:</b>        | 747-438                 |                       |       |
| <b>Aircraft Registration:</b> | VH-OJF                  | <b>Serial Number:</b> | 24483 |
| <b>Type of Operation:</b>     | Air Transport Passenger |                       |       |
| <b>Damage to Aircraft:</b>    | Minor                   |                       |       |
| <b>Departure Point:</b>       | Singapore               |                       |       |
| <b>Departure Time:</b>        |                         |                       |       |
| <b>Destination:</b>           | Melbourne Vic           |                       |       |

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Debris was found on the runway shortly after the aircraft had landed. Maintenance investigation found that the number 1 engine thrust reverser was damaged. The number 5, 7 and 8 blocker doors were broken and the variable guide vane cover panel was missing. The BASI investigation was not able to determine the cause of the failure.