

Luck or not?

2005: A340 Heathrow

■ Operational context

- A340-300 scrapes its tail at Heathrow during take off
- Even warned by air traffic controller that its aircraft had suffered serious tailsrape and... the RWY was marked...
- The captain elected to continue on his 11 hours flight to Shanghai.
- The A340 Operations Manual says that following a tailsrape the crew:
 - ➔ **Should** land for damage inspection
 - ➔ **Must** not pressurize the cabin...

■ Aircraft

- Landed **successfully** in Shanghai
- Probably with some damages