

Starlink In-flight Connectivity Service Agreement Reached for Hawaiian Airlines Fleet



Hawaiian Airlines has a brand-new contract with SpaceX to include in-flight web service allowed by Starlink connection to its fleet of Airbus and Boeing airplane. (Photo, courtesy of Hawaiian Airlines)

Hawaiian Airlines has actually ended up being the very first significant airline company to reach an arrangement with SpaceX that will include in-flight connection (IFC) service made it possible for by Starlink satellites to a fleet of Airbus and Boeing airplane with setups setup to start next year, according to an Apr. 25 statement from the business.

The Hawaiian Airlines arrangement follows last week's statement by California-based public charter operator JSX that it would end up being the launch air provider for Starlink IFC, with the very first passenger-carrying flights including the brand-new service to start later on this year. Several days after the JSX statement, Hawaiian Airlines revealed its own brand-new contract with SpaceX to include Starlink connection to its fleet of Airbus A330 and A321neo airplane, as well as the Boeing 787-9s it presently has on order.

In an emailed declaration to *Avionics International*, Alex Da Silva, a agent for Hawaiian Airlines verified that the Starlink IFC service will be complimentary to guests.

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Hawaiian's fleet of Boeing 717s that run much shorter inter-island flights will not be geared up with Starlink IFC terminals. According to the airline company's 2021 yearly report filing, Hawaiian's in-service fleet consists of 24 overall A330-200s and 18 A321neos, with 10 overall 787-9s on order under a 2018 purchase arrangement with Boeing.

Starlink is the very first in-flight web service that will be used by Hawaiian, as the airline company presently provides gain access to to cordless streaming in-flight home entertainment (IFE) material on its A321neo flights, and other kinds of IFE on other airplane designs—with no connection presently offered onboard.

"We waited till innovation captured up with our high requirements for visitor experience, however it will be worth the wait," Hawaiian Airlines President and CEO Peter Ingram stated in a declaration.

Starlink is SpaceX's Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite constellation, one of numerous whose operators have eyes on interrupting the IFC market by offering high-speed gain access to to broadband in-flight at a lower expense. SpaceX Vice President of Starlink Commercial Sales Jonathan Hofeller has actually been talking about the business's vision for IFC throughout numerous public looks over the last year, consisting of most just recently at the Satellite 2022 conference in Washington D.C.

"Hawaiian Airlines is making sure its travelers will experience high-speed web the method we anticipate it in the 21st century, making troubles like downloading films prior to departure a relic of the previous," Hofeller stated in a declaration. "With Starlink, the in-flight experience is considerably streamlined so that as soon as guests action onboard the airplane the web works perfectly throughout their flight. Soon, guests will take pleasure in all the advantages of having the world's finest in-flight web

connection from the convenience of their seats.”

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