

United Airlines Unveils New Seats with Wireless Charging Stations

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Image: United debuts wireless charging onboard. (Photo Credit: United Airlines Media)

United Airlines announced a new domestic first-class seat with a wireless charging station in every armrest.

The carrier revealed the new United First seats would feature vegan leather upholstery, 13-inch seatback screens, 18-inch tray tables, Bluetooth connectivity, privacy screens and an ergonomist-designed cushion.

United said the new designs are scheduled to debut later this month, with the rollout continuing through the summer. The airline expects the United First option to be available on 200 domestic planes by 2026, including its fleet of 737 NGs, A321neos and 737 MAXs.

“This new United First seat is designed around the modern traveler – more charging options, bigger spaces for devices, food, drinks and personal items and extra privacy,” United Managing Director Mark Muren said.

In each new United First seat, customers can charge multiple devices at once with three types of charging docks; wireless, AC outlet and USB-C. The wireless charger is in the armrest to give passengers line-of-sight to notifications and free their hands and tray table.

To provide a better two-screen experience, United added 13-inch, high-definition screens with Bluetooth capabilities. The carrier announced it would also update existing domestic first-class seats on more than 200 planes by 2025.