

# **UZBEKISTAN AIRWAYS SELECTS HBCplus TO EQUIP UPCOMING A321NEO FLEET WITH NEXT-GENERATION IN-FLIGHT CONNECTIVITY**

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Uzbekistan Airways has announced the decision to equip its upcoming Airbus A321neo aircraft with advanced in-flight connectivity (IFC) systems using the HBCplus – Airbus' flexible multi-orbit satellite connectivity solution. This initiative is part of the airline's ongoing efforts to enhance the onboard experience and introduce modern digital services for passengers.

As the airline prepares to welcome a new generation of aircraft, a strong emphasis has been placed on expanding passenger comfort and ensuring reliable internet access throughout the flight. The integration of the HBCplus IFC system will allow travelers to enjoy high-speed connectivity for streaming, messaging, and business use on both regional and long-haul routes. Installation is scheduled to begin with the arrival of the A321neo aircraft starting from 2026.

Shukhrat Khudaykulov, Chairman of the Board of Uzbekistan Airways, noted that introducing inflight internet is a strategic step in the airline's modernization journey. "Equipping our A321neo fleet with advanced connectivity reflects our commitment to offering a new level of comfort and service. This partnership with Airbus brings us closer to our goal of becoming a leader in air transportation across Central Asia," he said.

Uzbekistan Airways is the national air carrier and the largest airline in Uzbekistan. It operates as a Joint Stock Company and maintains a diverse fleet including Boeing 767/787, Airbus A320ceo/A320neo/A321neo/A330, L-410, and ATR-72 aircraft. The airline continues to expand its route network and aircraft fleet while consistently improving service quality. Flight safety remains the airline's top priority.

Uzbekistan Airways provides scheduled and charter passenger and cargo services, including through its low-cost division, Uzbekistan Airways Express. The airline's structure also includes Uzbekistan Helicopters LLC, Uzbekistan Airways Technics LLC, Catering LLC, and the Training Center LLC.

