

Air France A220s to receive 5G Wi-Fi from Intelsat



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[Air France](#) has selected [Intelsat](#) to install its 2Ku high-speed, satellite-based inflight connectivity solution on 60 new A220-300 aircraft. Intelsat invested \$2 billion to build a global [5G network](#).

"We are honored to partner with Air France and delight their passengers with a superior inflight connectivity experience on Airbus' state-of-the-art A220 aircraft," said John Wade, President of Intelsat Commercial Aviation. "This award expands the total Intelsat fleet at Air France to 143 aircraft, including widebody 777s and A330s. Air France is the third airline partner to select Intelsat on the A220 airframe and our first 2Ku line-fit European airline partner."

Intelsat said in a press release 2Ku is the most rapidly adopted satellite-based broadband connectivity technology in aviation, currently in use by leading airlines across North America, South America, Europe and Asia.

"Accessing the internet and being able to stay in touch with family and friends while traveling has become a must-have for our customers," said Fabien Pelous, Senior Vice President Customer Experience of Air France. "We are happy to partner with Intelsat to provide this service to our customers."

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