

Qatar Airways updates 787-8 fleet with Thales AVANT system

[Qatar Airways](#) has announced it is updating its current 787-8 fleet with [Thales](#) AVANT inflight entertainment system.

Qatar has been actively looking to replicate the AVANT experience onboard its 787-8 without disrupting the current system. The upgrade program by Thales is designed to adapt to the existing legacy system, incorporating new AVANT screens and servers into the seats and infrastructure. This allows for full seat modification, hardware and all required certifications, as well as the ability to integrate with all Qatar fleets that have the AVANT IFE solution.

The upgrade introduces the latest HD, capacitive touchscreen technology enabling passengers to seamlessly navigate the graphical user interface (GUI) using gestures from their smartphone or tablet. The lightweight screens feature more than 16 million colors and are two to three times brighter than the previous technology.

The AVANT system offers a large selection of features and applications with high-capacity servers to store more than a terabyte of industry leading media content including the latest HD movies, TV show episodes and music collections. Business Class has 17-inch HD touchscreens and main cabin has 12-inch smart displays.

“As a leader of innovation within the global aviation industry, we are always looking for ways to further enrich our already exceptional five-star on board experience for passengers,” said Salam Al Shawa, Qatar Airways Senior Vice President (VP), Marketing & Corporate Communications. “With the latest inflight technology, including lightweight screens, greater content storage and full HD touchscreens, we are delighted to work with Thales in bringing the most advanced AVANT IFE system on board our 787-8 fleet.”

“Qatar Airways continues to be a leader in the recovery of the aviation industry, maintaining a paramount commitment to service and to the enrichment of the passenger journey,” said Philippe Carette, Chief Executive Officer, Thales InFlyt Experience. “Together we have developed a turnkey upgrade program with a seamless customer experience and continued installation despite the crisis. With the AVANT IFE system, passengers on Qatar Airways 787-8 aircraft will enjoy a 5-star experience.”