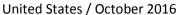
## Airplane cabin simulator tests new connectivity projects

Boeing's Product Development team designed the vCabin simulator to test new methods of connectivity and smart working for improved flying experiences.





<u>Boeing</u>'s Commercial Airplanes' Product Development team is examining ways to takethe connectivit y of today's daily life into the skies. Ideas are tested in the vCabin, amock-

up of a networked airplane interior. Recent smart cabin tests include usingtablets, smartphones and smartwatches to order food and drinks, check bathroomavailability and manage lighting options. Passenger devices link up with the airplane cabin system via secure chips located neareach feature. The chip system doesn't require wifi and isn't connected to the electronics used for flight—it's a completely separate system. Ideally, the chips would automatically inform on-theground service teams about any additional maintenanceneeded, allowing work to be scheduled for the plane's arrival time.

With <u>smart robots automating baggage check</u>, and <u>connected business class</u> <u>seats</u>remembering flight preferences, which parts of the flying process are still in need of atechnolog y makeover?

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