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Emirates A380 gets Starlink high-speed Wi-Fi upgrade

First aircraft completes installation in UK

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Airbus A380 operated by Emirates has entered a new phase of in-flight connectivity after becoming the first of its kind to be fitted with next-generation Starlink Wi-Fi.

The upgrade marks a major step forward for the airline's on-board services, moving from basic connectivity to high-speed Wi-Fi designed to support streaming, browsing and work at cruising altitude. The first A380 fitted with Starlink completed its installation and certification in Newquay, UK, before returning to Dubai this week.

The aircraft is the first in



the Emirates fleet to feature the new system, which will now be rolled out across more A380s through 2026.

The new system uses three antennas installed on each A380, significantly boosting performance compared to earlier on-board Wi-Fi systems.

Emirates said the upgrade delivers a dramatic increase in bandwidth, allowing passengers to use the internet in a way similar to home.