

Emirates' new safety rules for usage of power banks onboard

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Dubai: Using any kind of power bank is prohibited onboard Emirates' flights, effective from 1 October 2025.

A power bank is a portable, rechargeable device primarily designed to provide power to other electronic devices such as smart phones, tablets, laptops and cameras. Emirates customers are still permitted to carry one power bank onboard with specific conditions, but the power banks may not be used while in the aircraft cabin – neither to charge devices from the power bank, nor to be charged themselves using the aircraft's power source.

Emirates customers may carry one power bank that is under 100 Watt Hours. Power banks may not be used to charge any personal devices onboard. Charging a power bank using the aircraft's power supply is not permitted. All power banks accepted for transport must have capacity

rating information available. Power banks may not be placed in the overhead stowage bin onboard the aircraft and must now be placed in the seat pocket or in a bag under the seat in front of passengers. Power banks are not permitted in checked luggage (existing rule).

After a comprehensive safety review, Emirates is taking a firm and proactive stance to mitigate risk when it comes to power banks onboard. There has been a significant growth in customers using power banks in recent years, resulting in an increasing number of lithium battery-related incidents onboard flights across the wider aviation industry.

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