



The connected Citation:

A guide to accelerating your business at altitude





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01

Why we connect

Parallel histories

The origins and development of the Citation® series, a masterpiece made by Cessna®, shows interesting parallels to the rise of inflight connectivity.

Back when the straight-wing Citation I was first flown in 1969, people didn't imagine inflight connectivity like we have today. But as the Citation evolved over the decades — growing faster, more efficient, and able to span greater distances — so did the technology that keeps people connected in flight.

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The value prop of connectivity

You know it already: Today's business travelers must connect in the air because their jobs won't wait. Gazing out at the horizon isn't a luxury most of us have while flying; instead, we need to stay focused on the tasks at hand. Connectivity enables us to complete those tasks.

There are plenty of ways to provide inflight connectivity, and we'll go into more detail in subsequent chapters. But from a practical standpoint, the technology must meet a few basic requirements. It must:

- Be fast, delivering a strong and reliable broadband connection for a great inflight experience.
- Enable you to be fully productive onboard, using the same tools and apps as you would at home or in the office.
- Enable pilots with cockpit Wi-Fi for improved flight apps and communication.
- Increase the value of your aircraft and the bottom line of your business.
- Sustain your investment through future-ready solutions.

For the last 30 years, advancements in systems and usage models have met these needs with increasing effectiveness.

“The whole world opens up to you when you have inflight connectivity.”

MARK DULUDE, CITATION JET 3+ PILOT/OWNER AND CITATION JET PILOTS (CJP) ASSOCIATION VICE CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR

Gogo: Trusted around the globe

845,951

unique devices connected



9.7 device connections
per flight

653M

miles flown
while connected



2/3



of passengers said they were more
productive in flight than at the office

We've come a long way

Today, Gogo connectivity is meeting our evolving business needs:



Tap into the latest intelligence.

If you own and pilot your own aircraft, a connected cockpit increases efficiency and safety.



Move at the speed of business.

The markets won't wait for your flight to land. Neither will your competitors.



Increase the value of your assets.

Connectivity technology increases the resale value of aircraft.



Keep up with your team (and keep them up to date).

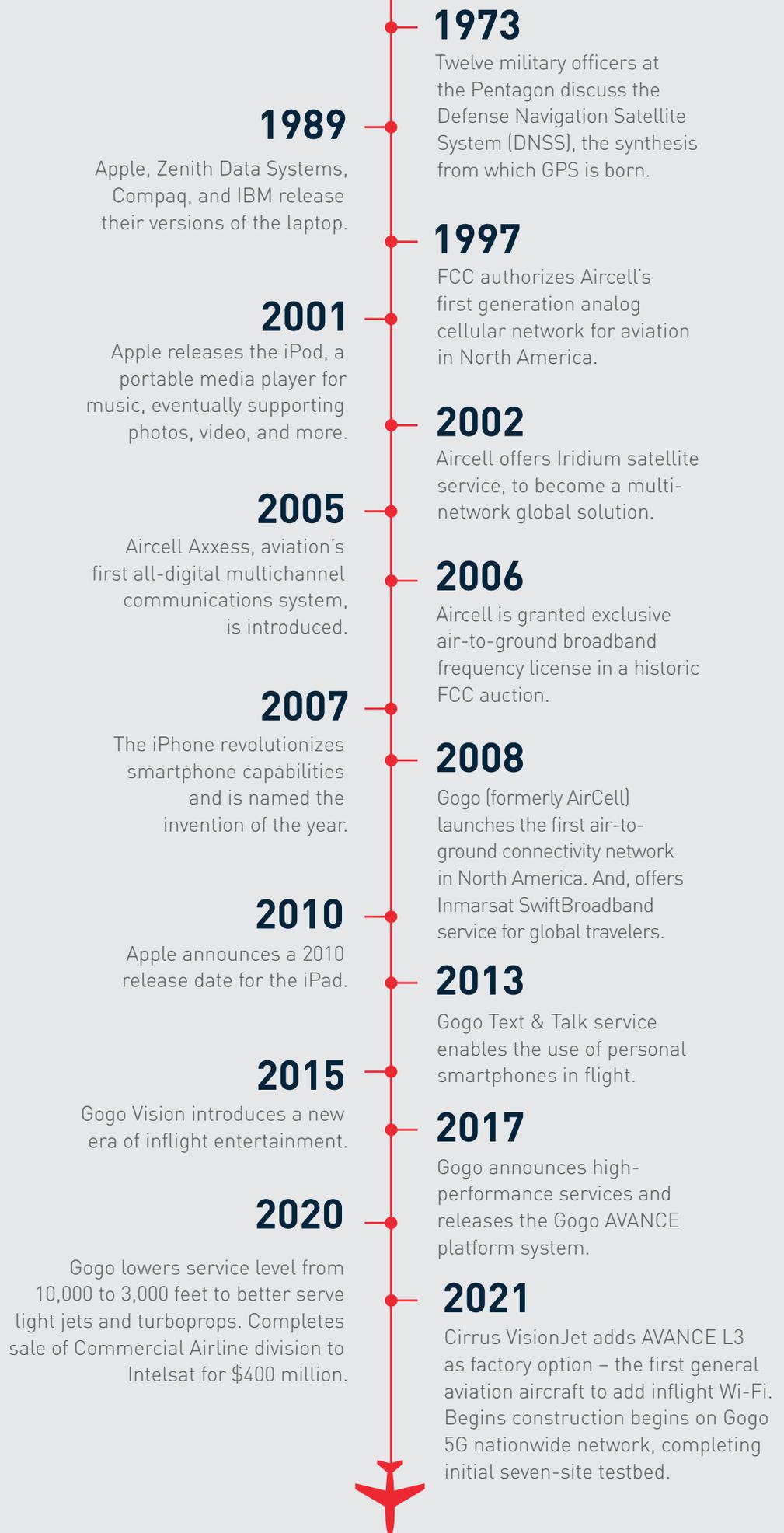
If you're a leader, your team relies on you to remain productive and address issues as they arise.



Connect with family and unwind.

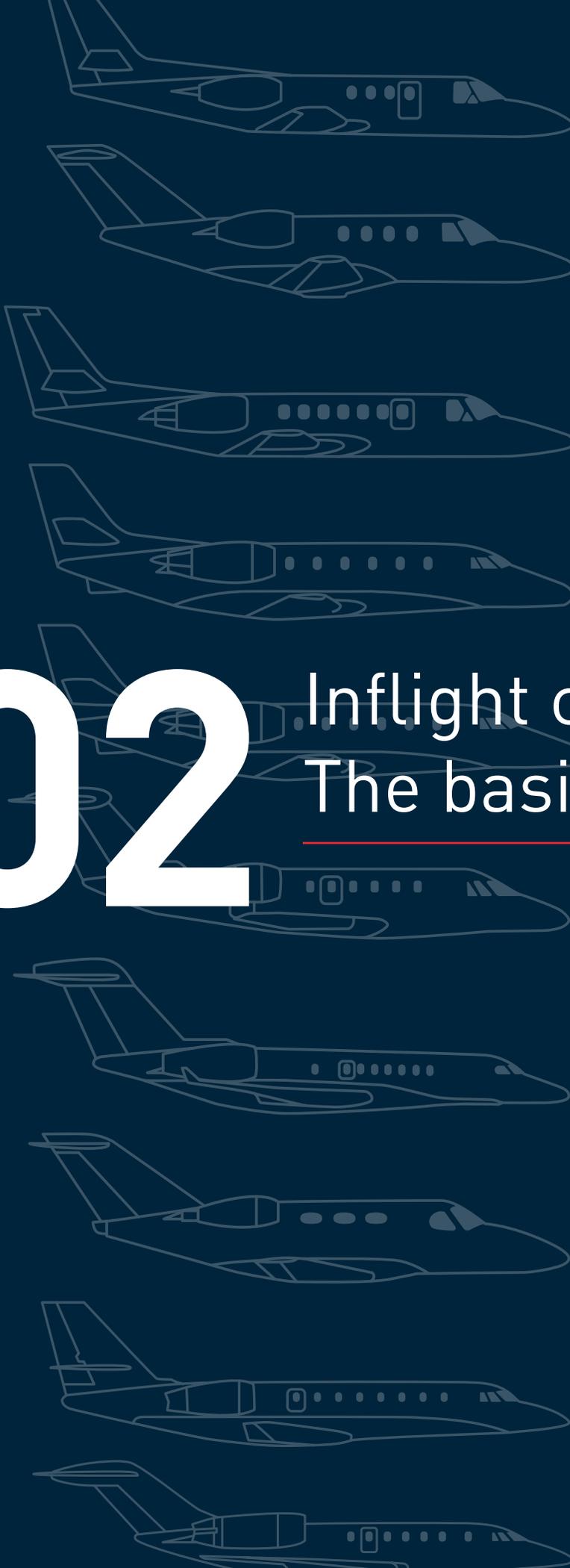
We all know that connectivity isn't just for business. Whether you have you kids, grandkids, partner or friends on board - give them the connectivity they need to be entertained and/or productive en route, or keep in touch with your friends and family on the ground.

Waypoints through history



02

Inflight connectivity: The basics



A feat of engineering

For most Citation owners, operators, and passengers, inflight connectivity has become obligatory. On average, we carry around two or three connected devices at any given time, and we check them reflexively. Colleagues, business partners and family expect us to be accessible no matter where work takes us — often instantly. Sometimes, even a 30-second hiccup in service is enough to create anxiety.

The fact that technology has met these business needs is remarkable. Behind the scenes, inflight connectivity requires impressive feats of engineering and planning — things that go unnoticed by most business travelers simply because they work so well.

In the air, a signal has to connect with an aircraft thousands of times an hour and navigate rapid shifts in orientation, speed, and direction — all while ensuring an “always-on” experience for pilots and passengers.



Moving targets

Two of the most basic differences between ground connectivity and inflight connectivity is speed and distance. Airplanes don't stand still. Instead, they dart through airspace at hundreds of miles per hour often at 30,000 to 40,000, requiring the data link to adjust quickly in real time across long distances. At home, your coax cable doesn't have to go anywhere; even if you're texting in the car, the speeds and distances involved are modest compared to those in the sky.

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Distance and latency are two of the factors that impact these connections the most. Compared to the wireless experience on the ground, an inflight connectivity experience has to overcome vast distances (which can weaken connections) and ensure that the time data takes to travel that distance (latency) is short so the user doesn't notice “lags” in performance. Fortunately for business aviation, Gogo's air-to-ground network is designed with towers strategically positioned throughout the entire CONUS and parts of Canada and Alaska to most efficiently deliver a great connectivity experience, with virtually no latency thanks to the vastly closer proximity to aircraft than current Geostationary satellite networks.



Air-to-ground and satellite technologies

How have Gogo and other companies succeeded at connecting business travelers in the air? They've used available resources exceptionally well. Two of the most important of these resources are air-to-ground (ATG) and satellite technologies.



In principle, ATG, which equips most domestic Citations, isn't much different than your cellular connection.

An aircraft communicates with a ground station, ideally within a target range and line-of-sight bearing. With ATG, the ground station antennas serve aircraft that pass through their airspace, similar to the way your cell phone connects while you're in a moving car.



Satellites are different, and there are additional steps involved in getting, say, an email to outer space and back.

With either technology, key factors that are important to aviation are the available network capacity (today and in the future), the number of available towers and/or satellites covering flight routes, and connectivity redundancy.



A note on efficiency and optimization

One of the easiest ways to compromise your connection is to leave a bunch of your devices on while you're working on something else. Even though those devices might not appear active, they're still sending and receiving information without your input. And that uses up both your inbound and outbound data capacity. Protect those pipes.

More information about efficiency and optimizing your system appears in chapter 3.

Speed vs. capacity: A metaphor

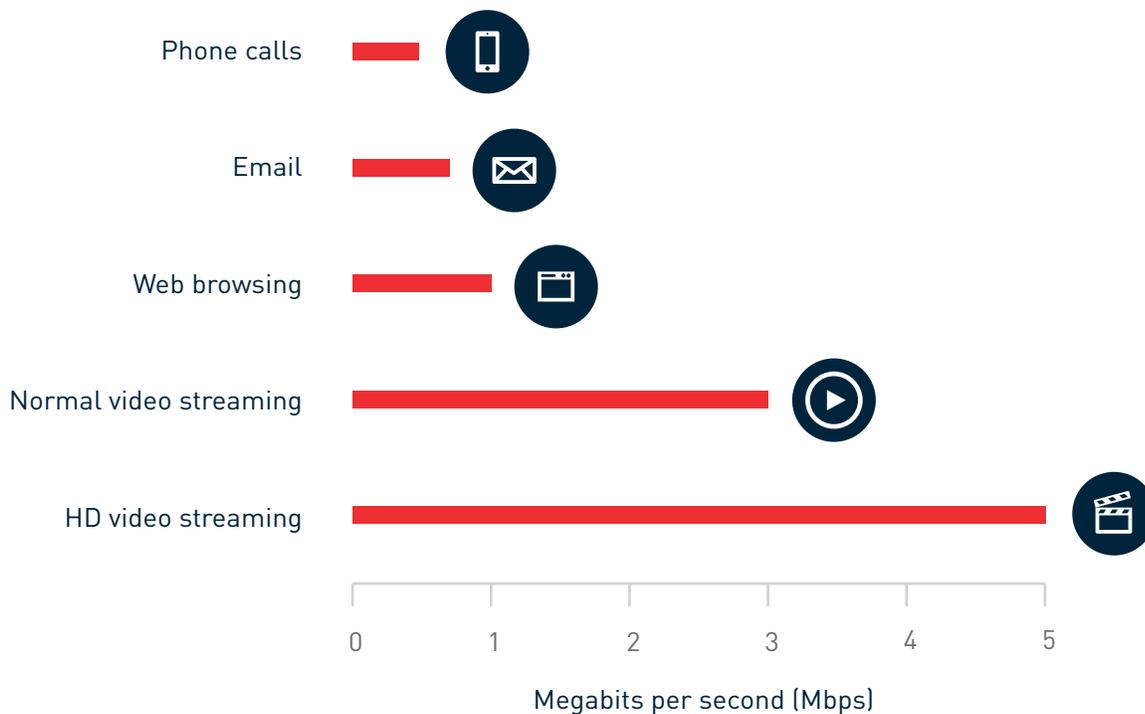
Speed is an intuitive measure of a connection's quality — but it's not the whole story. The better measure is capacity. Consider this in plumbing terms: A small pipe and a big one can have the same throughput speed, but the larger pipe is going to transmit more material (or data). "Bandwidth" describes capacity, and a larger bandwidth means you can send more information at a given transfer speed.

Except there are two pipes

There are actually two "pipes" at work on your aircraft — one for the incoming data stream and one for the exiting stream. Inflight connectivity systems keep these data streams separate to ensure that both can function regardless of the other's load. Outbound streams are usually smaller, since people are impacted more by how fast they receive data than how fast it gets sent away.

Not all streaming is equal

The files we stream vary widely in size. One way to express this is by the minimum connection speed required to stream each type. For example, the connection speed needed for a phone call over VoIP is less than 0.5 Mbps; an HD video requires 5.0 Mbps. Users can unknowingly exceed their data limits by treating each file type as if it uses the same system resources. By remembering what kind of data you're asking your system to handle — and the scale of its consumption — you can avoid such surprises.



The hardware

While the hardware for large business jets and commercial airliners can be bulky, heavy and complicated, Gogo has spent the past 10 years creating inflight connectivity hardware that is minimal and ideally suited to aircraft like Citation jets – you might even say elegantly so.

Aside from the obligatory “box” (which resembles the modem/ router boxes you have at home), IFC solutions will also include aerodynamic antennas or radomes that attach to the fuselage.

Pictured here is Gogo AVANCE L3, the industry’s smallest, most proven and popular broadband system for Citations. It accommodates email, VPN, internet browsing, personal smartphone text/calling, plus popular flight apps. For those who want even more capabilities – such as streaming audio and video -- Gogo AVANCE L5 is an exceptional solution that still carries a small form factor.

Never heard of Gogo AVANCE? That’s OK. On the next page we’ll discuss how AVANCE represents a shift in how new functionality is delivered. It’s a core platform that allows for easy upgrades to service plans, features, and capabilities as time goes on.



Gogo AVANCE L3

Type: Air-to-ground for domestic networks

Dimensions: 4.18” W x 8.38” H x 16.24” D

LRU weight: 15 lbs.

Antennas: Two (2) omni-directional antennas

- Externally mounts in forward and rear positions to the fuselage
- Antenna dimensions (per antenna): 5.9” L x 4.2” W x 6.5” H
- Antenna weight: 2.5 LBS

Gogo avance transforms your jet into a smartplane.

Unlike traditional avionic “Line Replaceable Units” (LRU), which are designed to only do one thing, Gogo AVANCE systems are fully integrated platform solutions that makes it possible to integrate and transform your entire inflight connectivity and entertainment (IFEC) experience. Everything works together and everything is designed to be sustainable, not replaced

Performance

Gogo AVANCE delivers inflight Wi-Fi performance by connecting your aircraft and devices to the fastest, most reliable business aviation networks – including Gogo Biz, Gogo Biz 4G and the upcoming Gogo 5G network.

Productivity

Gogo AVANCE connects you to your digital world and lets you make the most of flight time with your favorite apps and services. Today, people on board expect to use the aircraft any way they want: as an office, a conference room, a coffee shop, even a home theater.

Efficiency

Cockpit Wi-Fi unlocks pilot apps, enabling real-time information and improved communication.

Confidence

Like smart solutions such as an iPhone or a Tesla car, AVANCE is smart enough to enable remote, cloud-based support – which simplifies operations by delivering innovation and updates over the air.

Control

Gogo DASH is the AVANCE platform’s customer toolkit, which gives you the keys to customize, control and brand your inflight experience using just your computer and a browser.

03

Aboard the Citation: Connectivity in practice



When the stakes are sky-high

As consumers of inflight connectivity, business travelers are primarily concerned with one thing: productivity. Million-dollar contracts are routinely sent, received, and signed at 35,000 feet — often, business simply won't adjust to your flight plan.

As a result, the connection you have on your Citation had better perform regardless of where you fly. No executive or manager wants to experience four hours of dead air, only to find that a competitor made a move while they were airborne. Here's how to optimize your system and control your life in the air.

“One thing that I like as a pilot is to have redundant systems when I fly. With inflight connectivity, I have access to flight and weather information through my flight apps — in addition to my onboard radar and other cockpit tools. Inflight Wi-Fi is a valuable asset for routine, as well as extraordinary, missions.”

**MARC DULUDE, CITATION JET 3+ PILOT/
OWNER AND CITATION JET PILOTS
(CJP) ASSOCIATION VICE CHAIRMAN
AND DIRECTOR**



A note about video during flight:

In the old digital days, passengers (or usually pilots) would download movies to devices prior to takeoff so they had some kind of entertainment on board. But today, video is everywhere online. While Wi-Fi has come a long way with AVANCE L5 enabling video and audio streaming, the best way to provide inflight entertainment is to use Gogo Vision. Vision is fully-integrated into AVANCE and delivers on-demand entertainment featuring movies and TV episodes, e-magazines, a 3D moving map, and destination weather. All without any extra equipment or using any of your data plan.

To learn more, visit gogo.to/gogo-vision

How to maximize bandwidth

Limit the number of devices that are active at any given time.

While Gogo AVANCE systems are designed to enable plenty of devices to connect simultaneously, it's always good to remember that even "inactive" devices consume small amounts of bandwidth. Power them down when you can and disable automatic updates while you're in the air.

Be conscious of cloud services (iCloud, Google Drive, etc.).

Modern business makes use of cloud services. And with AVANCE, the cloud is just a click away. But we recommend that users simply be conscious of syncing with cloud services if you don't really need them for your work at hand. This will save bandwidth (and data costs) for more important needs.

Be aware of your file types and sizes.

That sprawling PowerPoint presentation from the sales department will consume a much larger volume of bandwidth than downloading an email. And content within apps — like that auto-playing Facebook video — can stealthily rob you of bandwidth.

Long-term investments

Adding a connectivity solution to any Citation is an important decision with long-term impact. Here's how Gogo is planning for the future:



We've introduced Gogo AVANCE, which currently leverages our existing North American ATG network. This platform has been designed as an easy upgrade for existing customers, and a future-proof solution for new ones.



An upgrade to Gogo AVANCE puts you on a path of natural progression to even better, faster technology — the platform can grow as new technology becomes available.



We have three decades of experience with network management and support services to draw from, and we're constantly looking ahead. While technologies can evolve by leaps and bounds, our newest solutions are all supported by our proven network and support services, which are continually optimized. Customers routinely tell us how important stable infrastructure and personal, responsive support are to them.

From the pilot's seat: Connectivity in the cockpit

To a typical pilot, whether they own the plane or not, money management is always a priority. These are the users who understand the value of connectivity but must fit it within a more constrained budget environment if they want to stay in the air. Pilots also bring different needs, including real-time cockpit intelligence.

To them, connectivity isn't necessarily about pleasure or even conducting business — it's about improved situational awareness and redundancy. Fortunately, there is a menu of aviation apps supported by Gogo, and these can provide supplemental information for navigation, logging, briefings, and flight-plan filing. Providers include Garmin, ForeFlight, FlightAware, Honeywell, and other industry leaders that improve the flight experience with every software update.







04

Know your Citation,
know your solution

Tailored to your Citation model

Gogo can equip any Citation, but different models have different ideal setups. Flying, after all, is a complicated contest of physics, where adding equipment and antennas forces us to address aerodynamics and gravity. Equipment and installation costs, and the expense of monthly plans, are also considerations. That's why we market diverse solutions. We also provide the advice and background buyers need to help them make the best decisions.

“Every one of our aircraft has Gogo Wi-Fi. I think it's important because our passengers can't take everything with them. When they're having these very productive meetings onboard the airplanes, they know they can access the internet and get the information they need -- live, right then and there. It adds a real time business solution for them.”

TIM VOLLINK, PRESIDENT, ERIN AIR CHARTER INC.



The big four

Four factors commonly affect connectivity choices across Citation models:



1. Physical/structural considerations



3. Service options



2. Device count



4. Mission type

Keep these in mind when you're considering connectivity options, and you'll be more likely to find the right combination of functionality and cost effectiveness.

1. Physical/structural considerations

Particularly among smaller aircraft, internal fuselage space can be at a premium, which means the connectivity solutions for these planes are likely to resemble the cable equipment you might have at home: a smallish box coupled to one or two externally mounted antennas. This equipment provides more than enough functionality for many cases, particularly for light to mid-size jets.



2. Device count

Service plans commonly scale up in proportion to the number of allowed device connections. That's because, unsurprisingly, increasing the number of devices raises the cost of administering them. With this in mind, it makes little sense to buy a plan that allows for 24 connections if your aircraft only has 6 passenger seats.

Rightsizing your device count is also a way to self-throttle your data usage and avoid unforeseen costs.

For example, Gogo AVANCE L3 provides a range of service offerings starting as low as allowing up to five devices to connect simultaneously — more than enough for many Citation flight plans. Gogo offers other service solutions, such as AVANCE L5, that accommodate more connected devices and higher usage loads.

3. Service options

More connections and functionality equate to higher costs. For example, provisioning multinet management, as the Gogo AVANCE L5 allows, is desirable to some customers but unnecessary for others. Internet that's equivalent to what you get at a coffee shop? That could be either obligatory or non-critical, depending on your situation. We've found that most customers keep the same general use habits in the air that they have on the ground.

4. Mission type

Does your Citation fly outside North America, or are its routes domestic? How long does it fly, and how far? What types of passengers are on the flights (corporate executives, family members, engineers and technical staff)? How much do these factors vary flight to flight? Your mission type tells you and your connectivity provider how a plane is used and what its typical needs are. Fortunately, this usually isn't difficult to assess.



What about aviation regulations?

Anyone in business aviation will know that it's a complicated regulatory environment, and manufacturing and installing connectivity equipment are not exceptions.

Matching your equipment to your plane type and service needs is the key to success. To do this, study up using resources like this one, and then enlist a partner you can trust. Not just someone who'll sell you a service, but someone with a proven track record who can ensure the service you choose won't cause compliance problems.

“As a partner, Gogo Business Aviation’s mission aligns closely with ours — their technology and services accommodate improved pilot proficiency, situational awareness, and general aviation interests for Citation jet owners. Gogo continues to deliver the most innovative inflight Wi-Fi solutions targeted to lighter aircraft owners with a diversity of needs.”

ANDREW BROOM, FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CITATION JET PILOTS, INC. AND CJP SAFETY AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Get a dependable partner

Inflight connectivity solutions are only as complex as the use cases they serve. With the right partner — someone with industry know-how, the perspective to see changes coming, and a willingness to listen to your needs — connectivity can be demystified.

At that point, life won't have to stop between takeoff and landing — regardless of the plane you fly.

05

Understanding and controlling cost



Creating a sustainable plan

The primary considerations for inflight connectivity aren't just technical — any procurement must also be financially sustainable. Fortunately, there are several connectivity options to meet virtually any budget. And while there are many options available, the choice doesn't have to be daunting.

The following practices and guidelines will help you navigate the inflight connectivity acquisition process and fly away with a solution that is both useful and financially sensible. The following pages might even shed light on whether your current solution is the best available to you.

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It's about balance

Inflight connectivity customers have a menu of choices based on plane type, mission, domestic/international flight profiles, and budget. Any purchase decision involves judgment calls — balancing affordability and functionality, thinking ahead to future business needs, and signing on to a sustainable monthly plan. There are two main cost-generating categories with inflight connectivity:

1. **Hardware and initial setup**
2. **Ongoing monthly plans**

Each has been the savior — or downfall — of customers in this industry, so let's demystify them.



1. HARDWARE AND INITIAL SETUP

The range of hardware choices highlights the scalability of inflight connectivity solutions. On any plane, customers have choices when it comes to hardware and the scope of an install.

Among the systems that are fit for a given plane's weight, space, and technical profile, the most affordable are also typically the most limited. Similarly, basic setups often entail fewer installation hours, cutting labor costs substantially. When evaluating your choices for inflight connectivity, it helps to consider installation costs and consult an experienced installation facility.

2. ONGOING MONTHLY PLANS

Much like a cell phone service plan, service plans for inflight connectivity are flexible according to customers' usage and need for month-to-month predictability. Each has its advantages, but users eventually find that they're best suited to one or another.

Pay as you go

On the more affordable end of the spectrum are pay-as-you-go plans, which entail no fixed costs and appeal to customers who like to "pay for what they actually use." However, these plans can be less predictable than others, and their per-MB rates often are higher than intermediate plans.

Unlimited

These plans appeal to customers who either consume masses of data each month or have the financial resources to pay higher monthly fees to ensure that their passenger and crew requirements are always met. Note that some satellite services, by their technical nature, can't support unlimited data — so check with your connectivity partner.

Intermediate plans

These plans are desirable to many customers because they can be tailored: A user can opt for a base data allowance that matches their typical needs — say 2,500 MB — and then pay overage charges beyond it. These overage charges are cheaper than a pay-as-you-go rate, and they typically decrease as the size of the base allowance increases. Alongside these data plans are voice rates, inflight entertainment options, and other cost categories, depending on your system capabilities.

Understand. Monitor. Adjust.

Connectivity companies will provide a dashboard or other reporting tools for you to manage and monitor your data use — and just like your cell phone bill, they can provide alerts at certain usage thresholds. People usually have roughly the same device behavior in the air as they do on the ground, assuming they have connectivity equipment to support it.

But sometimes you need to adjust. At Gogo, we're happy to move you to a different plan if that's what's best — we're not going to hold you hostage until your existing plan term expires. That's just bad customer service and bad connectivity practice.

To repeat ourselves

If you've read our earlier discussions of bandwidth and speed, you'll know what's coming:

To keep the price right, it's important not just to pick the right system, but to also learn how to use it well. In other words, turn off idle devices, since they suck away bandwidth (and incur more usage costs, depending on your plan) even when you think they're inactive. And avoid downloading or streaming gobs of data in flight if you're equipped with something like Gogo Vision inflight entertainment. This service allows you to view movies, TV, news, and weather content from your airborne server, without incurring streaming charges.

Every connectivity plan will present opportunities for optimization and smart usage, so it's best to get trained on them.

No champagne, please

Inflight connectivity has become so prized in the business market that travelers' tastes are changing. Not long ago, business travelers, particularly executives, placed a premium on relaxing and enjoying the finest flight experience possible. Today, however, their priorities are much more tactical:



Stay plugged into the business.



Stay engaged with staff on the ground.



Don't miss a single wobble of a stock market.

This is good news for Gogo and other connectivity companies, of course. But the real benefits are to the businesses these travelers help to succeed.

06

Conclusion: Things
that won't change



Inflight connectivity, like the long-celebrated Citation family, continues to evolve. But there are a few principles and practices that will stay steady, no matter the disruption in the market.



The effectiveness of your system is only partly dependent on technology.

Customer support, trustworthy provider relationships, industry experts at your disposal, and dependable network infrastructure are at least as consequential as whiz-bang equipment and lofty promises.



You deserve a good fit.

Inflight connectivity is a sea of choices — equipment types, service plans, budgets, etc. — so continue to be assertive in finding a setup that works for you.



Scalability is king.

Given the rate of change in inflight technology, any sustainable solution will be scalable and adaptable. Seek platforms that can accept “bolt-on” upgrades and grow over time — without a complete (costly) replacement.



Inflight connectivity enriches your life.

The business functions are only part of it. Your connectivity solution should help you connect with what matters — your work, loved ones, and cherished pursuits.



Connected wherever you are

The most fundamental purpose of connectivity solutions is keeping you engaged with what really matters — all the time. The systems and mission profiles will vary, and the pressing business and personal needs to keep in touch will only continue to increase.

Gogo's approach, now and in the future, is to blend dependable infrastructure, leading-edge technologies, and partnerships built on trust. Our products will continue to evolve, of course, but our central commitment will not.

Happy connecting.







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