

# Charging a Laptop on a Plane

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I know this may sound crazy but I just saw a charger that allowed you the ability to charge your laptop on the plane. Has anyone ever done that and do they charge you for charging your laptop on the plane?

You need to check the airline and type of power ports they offer on which aircraft. On some CO flights, there is a port for standard 110 voltage. On some AA flights, the port is a DC port, along the lines of a cigarette lighter. Go to [flightguru.com](http://flightguru.com) and they will describe the potential setups by carrier, aircraft and type of port, if any. Answering the question, yes I have done it, but of late the ports on many of my AA flights have been inoperable once the aircraft door closes.

Craig A. Stokes, Texas

Make that [seatguru.com](http://seatguru.com).

Sorry.

Craig A. Stokes

Thanks. DELTA Delta is telling me that is only available on international flights at first class

Anthony Reeves

Man, this is why I love this list serve. I have never even heard of this website Craig just told me about and now, I can make sure my lap top doesn't die when I'm scheduling my plane reservations. It's ON like POPCORN now!

Anthony Reeves

AA had problems with the DC ports and has been retrofitting all of its planes to take a standard 110 outlet plug instead. I think they've largely made the change over by now. I've used both the old DC ports and the new 110s and they work fine. No fee for charging, either. (They probably haven't thought of that, yet.)

I use seatguru.com. It will identify which seats have charging outlets available (not all seats do) so that you can select a seat that has the outlet. I don't know if flightguru.com has a similar feature.

Andy Simpson, U.S. Virgin Islands

I bring an extra laptop battery to avoid having to recharge while travelling...

Maggie

Margaret A. Wadsworth

Or you could take Amtrak they have 110 outlets and no embarrassing TSA pat down.

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{John}

John A. Davidson, Pennsylvania

It's on like popcorn? At least on like Donkey Kong rhymes.

Steve

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Steven O'Donnell, Pennsylvania

LOL

Come on now, Steve. You know you have to say "Popcorn" with a deep southern twang "It's ON like POP-CONE"!! I put that up there with "Looky Heya", "a Hunnert (hundred) dollars", and "Git r dun"!

"Watch out dere now!!!"

Anthony Reeves