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About

Passenger is a free companion app to ForeFlight Mobile that helps you stay up to date with the progress of your trip.

Setup

To use Passenger simply turn Wi-Fi ON in Apple Settings (be sure to follow your flight crew’s instructions regarding in-flight use of electronic devices). As long as Wi-Fi is ON, Passenger will work with your pilot’s copy of ForeFlight Mobile once they activate “Passenger” mode, even if your device is not connected to a Wi-Fi network.

If this is the first time using Passenger, when the Allow “Passenger” to access your location? pop-up appears, you should tap “Always Allow” or “Only While Using the App”. If you tap “Don’t Allow” you will not see position, speed, or ETA updates. To correct this, open Apple Settings, tap Privacy > Location Services, then scroll down to Passenger and select “Always” or “While Using the App.”

Using Passenger in-flight

Passenger receives the flight plan route and Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) from ForeFlight Mobile on the Pilot’s iPad or iPhone, and in-flight can use its own device GPS (or a remote GPS from a Sentry or Stratus, or a compatible MiFi Bluetooth GPS such as a Bad Elf Pro) to calculate the estimated trip time remaining and revised ETA.

All iPhones have a built-in GPS, but only iPads that are “Wi-Fi + Cellular” have a built-in GPS. NOTE: The built-in GPS will work even if there is no Cellular Data plan active for the device, or if Cellular Data is OFF.
There are two ways to tell if your iPad is one with “Wi-Fi + Cellular”. If you open Apple Settings and see a “Cellular Data” entry then your iPad has a built-in GPS.

Or if you look at the back of the iPad and there is a plastic area across some or all of the back, such as the examples below outlined in green, then your iPad has a built-in GPS. NOTE: a built-in GPS functions even if you do not have a Cellular Data plan.

If your device does not have a built-in GPS, you can connect it to an available Sentry or Stratus receiver via Wi-Fi, or to an available MiFi compatible Bluetooth GPS such as a Bad Elf Pro.

Once your pilot establishes the connection from their copy of ForeFlight Mobile to Passenger on your device, you’ll automatically receive route updates within a few seconds of your pilot making a change in ForeFlight Mobile.

Tap the arrows on the Flight Information box to maximize it to show all flight information or collapse it to show only Remaining Time and ETA.
Tap the “Auto Center” button to center the map on your current position, then tap the “North up/Track up” button to orient the map with “North up”, eg North is towards the top of the screen, or “Track up” eg: your direction of travel is towards the top of the screen.

Touch a single finger on the screen and drag to reposition the map. NOTE: After about 30 seconds without touching the map the Auto Center reactivates automatically. Touch two fingers on the screen and pinch apart to zoom-in, and pinch together to zoom-out.

Tap the Gear button (lower right) then tap “Pilots >” to see from which pilot’s device you’re receiving updates. If more than one Pilot is available, you can switch between Pilots by tapping the desired Pilot.

Tap “Settings >” to adjust whether your device can sleep, or to change the Speed Units (Knots, MPH, or KPH).
Troubleshooting

If your device is not receiving a good GPS signal, a pop-up will appear suggesting that you move the device closer to a window, or connect to a remote GPS such as a Sentry or Stratus, or a compatible MiFi Bluetooth GPS such as a Bad Elf Pro.

If Wi-Fi is OFF, a pop-up will appear reminding you to turn Wi-Fi ON. Route updates cannot be sent to your device if Wi-Fi is OFF.