

Continental seatbacks to show live, satellite TV

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Won't it be wonderful? According to USA Today, Continental Airlines has had DirecTV on 18 of its aircraft for several months. Soon, by huge popular demand (at least 3 people), Continental will offer 77 channels of live seatback TV on most domestic flights.

Think how you'll be able to sit back and enjoy it all while jammed into your five-across sardine can seat as you fly 3,000 miles across America or to destinations around the world. Can you wait to watch such enlightening TV shows as Dance Your Ass Off, American Idol, Letterman mugging/twitching and Dog the Bounty Hunter abusing scofflaws.

You'll also be thrilled by loud sales pitches by the late but still yapping Billy Mays, the Burger King dummy, Comcast eyeballs, Geico lizard, Preparation H ads, ambulance-chasing local lawyers, sweaty gold buyers and all the noisy, jerky images and gutter language on MTV. Or maybe you'll be real lucky on your six-hour, non-stop flight and get to watch an endless PBS begathon.

Unless you're flying first class, the privilege of these treats for your eyes and ears will cost you \$6 per flight. However, because the TV programs could require you to use them, barf bags are still free.