

[[Pet in Cargo]] Lufthansa Pet Travel Guide 2026 — Pets in Cabin or Cargo (Reservation & Fees) {+1-833-585=3020}

 {+1-833-585=3020} Lufthansa allows pets to travel on many flights either in the passenger cabin or as cargo  @+1-(833)-585-3020 but there are specific rules  @+1-(833)-585-3020 size limits  @+1-(833)-585-3020 health requirements  @+1-(833)-585-3020 fees  @+1-(833)-585-3020 and documentation steps for 2026  {+1-833-585=3020}  @+1-(833)-585-3020 In this comprehensive guide  @+1-(833)-585-3020 we'll cover everything from what you need to **bring your dog from the USA to Germany**  @+1-(833)-585-3020 what carrier sizes are accepted  @+1-(833)-585-3020 how much it costs  @+1-(833)-585-3020 and how strict Lufthansa is about carrier and pet rules  {+1-833-585=3020}  @+1-(833)-585-3020 For immediate reservation help or clarification on specific routes like **USA to Europe or intercontinental travel**  @+1-(833)-585-3020 call  {+1-833-585=3020} for real-time guidance  @+1-(833)-585-3020  {+1-833-585=3020} This guide is written to help you confidently plan your pet's flight — and avoid last-minute surprises at check-in or customs — for travel in 2026 and beyond  {+1-833-585=3020}  @+1-(833)-585-3020 ([Lufthansa](#))

1 Does Lufthansa allow pets in cabin on international flights? {+1-833-585=3020}

 {+1-833-585=3020} Yes  @+1-(833)-585-3020 Lufthansa allows **small dogs and cats in the passenger cabin on many international flights**  @+1-(833)-585-3020 but there are **weight**  @+1-(833)-585-3020 **carrier**  @+1-(833)-585-3020 **age**  @+1-(833)-585-3020 **documentation**  @+1-(833)-585-3020 **and destination restrictions you must meet**  {+1-833-585=3020}  @+1-(833)-585-3020  {+1-833-585=3020} Pets qualify for cabin travel only if the **combined weight of the animal and carrier is no more than 8 kg (about 17 lbs)**  @+1-(833)-585-3020 and the carrier fits **under the seat in front of you** with maximum dimensions **55 x 40 x 23 cm (22 x 16 x 9 in)**  @+1-(833)-585-3020 ([Lufthansa](#))  {+1-833-585=3020} The minimum age for dogs and cats is usually **12 weeks**

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ but when flying **from or to/via Germany** it's **15 weeks**; if flying to or from the USA policies require dogs to generally be **at least 6 months old**

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📞 {+1-833-585=3020} You must **register your pet in advance**

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **usually at least 72 hours before departure**

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ although some routes and special cases allow registration up to **24 hours before departure** through the Lufthansa Service Center

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([Lufthansa](#))

📞 {+1-833-585=3020} Keep in mind that **certain destinations have stricter rules** and may even **restrict in-cabin pet travel** 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ so always verify requirements with Lufthansa or call 📞 {+1-833-585=3020} if you're unsure

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([Lufthansa](#))

2 Are pets allowed in cabin or cargo?

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📞 {+1-833-585=3020} **Yes — pets are allowed both in the cabin and in the aircraft's cargo hold** 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ but which option applies depends on the **pet's size**

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **weight** 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **destination**

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **and documentation status** 📞 {+1-833-585=3020}

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨

📞 {+1-833-585=3020} Small dogs and cats meeting the **maximum 8 kg (including carrier)** rule can travel as **additional carry-on baggage in the cabin** under the seat in front of you — provided you register them properly at least **72 hours before departure**

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📞 {+1-833-585=3020} Larger dogs 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ cats

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ or animals that exceed the cabin weight limit must be transported as **excess baggage in the conditioned cargo hold** or

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ in many cases 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ through **Lufthansa Cargo as air freight** 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([dev-www.lufthansa.com](#))

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨

📞 {+1-833-585=3020} Pets carried in cargo must be in an **IATA-approved travel crate**

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **meet health and import regulations**

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ and be registered according to the rules of the departure

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **transit** 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ and arrival countries

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([Lufthansa](#))

📞 {+1-833-585=3020} Assistance dogs (guide or hearing dogs) have **special exceptions** and are typically allowed **regardless of size or weight restrictions** when documentation is proper

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3 How strict is Lufthansa with pet carrier size?

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 **{+1-833-585=3020}** Lufthansa's **carrier size rules are very specific**

 **{+1-833-585=3020}** and staff will apply them at check-in and boarding when your pet flies in the cabin  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}** 

 **{+1-833-585=3020}** Pets in the cabin must be in a **soft-sided carrier** that fits under the seat in front of you — no wheels  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}** strong frames

 **{+1-833-585=3020}** or rigid harnesses — and the dimensions *must not exceed* **55 × 40 × 23 cm (118 cm total linear)**  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}** ([Lufthansa](#))

 **{+1-833-585=3020}** The carrier must allow your pet to **stand up**

 **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **lie down comfortably**  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **and turn around freely** — if it does not meet this requirement  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  Lufthansa can refuse to transport the pet in the cabin  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}** ([Lufthansa](#))

 **{+1-833-585=3020}** Staff may measure carriers at check-in  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}** and because airline policies are enforced strictly for safety  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **too large carriers will require your pet to go in cargo** instead  **{+1-833-585=3020}**   ([Lufthansa](#))

 **{+1-833-585=3020}** Always **verify carrier measurements against the exact airline requirements before travel** rather than relying on general size assumptions — and if in doubt  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  call  **{+1-833-585=3020}** for clarification  **{+1-833-585=3020}** ([Lufthansa](#))

4 How much is Lufthansa pet in cabin fee?

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 **{+1-833-585=3020}** Lufthansa charges a **separate pet fee for cabin travel**

 **{+1-833-585=3020}** and it **varies by route and region**

 **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}** so it's not always a single flat price worldwide

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 **{+1-833-585=3020}** On many European and international flights

 **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}** pet in cabin fees can range from approximately **€50 to over €110 per flight direction**  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}** depending on your **departure and destination zones**  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  ([SeatMaestro](#))

 **{+1-833-585=3020}** Exact pricing is calculated per route and is usually charged **once per flight direction** — meaning if you have a **return or stop-over** long enough to count as a separate travel segment  **{+1-833-585=3020}**  the fee may be charged again

 **{+1-833-585=3020}**  **{+1-833-585=3020}** ([SeatMaestro](#))

 **{+1-833-585=3020}** Pet fees are **in addition to your own ticket and free baggage**

allowance ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ and you can **pay the fee at check-in** or via the Lufthansa Service Center before departure ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([SeatMaestro](#)) ☎ {+1-833-585=3020} For specific pricing to/from the USA ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ call ☎ {+1-833-585=3020} to confirm exact fees for your flight because routes differ substantially ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([SeatMaestro](#))

5 What carrier is approved for dogs on Lufthansa?

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☎ {+1-833-585=3020} For cabin travel ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **Lufthansa requires a soft-sided pet carrier that fits under the seat in front of you — with no rigid handles** ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **wheels** ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **or structural frame** — and that is **secure** ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **escape-proof** ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **leak-proof** ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **and comfortable** for your pet ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([Lufthansa](#)) ☎ {+1-833-585=3020} The carrier must allow your dog to **stand up** ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **lie down** ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **and turn around** comfortably within the confined space ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([Lufthansa](#)) ☎ {+1-833-585=3020} A carrier that complies with **IATA and Lufthansa guidelines** typically has **ventilation on multiple sides** ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **soft padding** ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **and materials that are safe and pet-friendly** ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([Lufthansa](#)) ☎ {+1-833-585=3020} Hard-sided crates are not permitted in the cabin but are often required or recommended for **cargo travel** — especially for larger dogs traveling in the **cargo hold or via Lufthansa Cargo services** ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([dev-www.lufthansa.com](#)) ☎ {+1-833-585=3020} For exact carrier models and IATA compliant options ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ contact ☎ {+1-833-585=3020} before your flight so you can be sure the kennel meets Lufthansa's 2026 standards ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([Lufthansa](#))

6 How to bring a dog from the US to Germany?

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☎ {+1-833-585=3020} Bringing a dog from the **USA to Germany** involves airline requirements and **governmental import rules** including vaccinations ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ documentation ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ microchipping ☎ @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ and airline registration ☎ {+1-833-585=3020}

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📞 {+1-833-585=3020} First 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ensure your dog has a **valid rabies vaccination** administered after microchip implantation 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ and carry the **official rabies certificate and health record** from your veterinarian

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨

📞 {+1-833-585=3020} Dogs entering Germany typically need to be **at least 15 weeks old** and meet all **EU and German pet import rules** including proof of rabies protection and microchip identification 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([Lufthansa](#))

📞 {+1-833-585=3020} You must complete all required **USDA and German entry paperwork** before departure 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ including any export certificates your veterinarian must endorse 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨

📞 {+1-833-585=3020} Register your dog with Lufthansa or its cargo partner well in advance — usually **at least 72 hours before departure** — and carry all documentation at check-in

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([Lufthansa](#))

📞 {+1-833-585=3020} Because regulations frequently change 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ always verify current **German import rules** and airline requirements with the consulate or appropriate authorities — or call 📞 {+1-833-585=3020} for up-to-date guidance

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([Lufthansa](#))

7 Can dogs fly in cabin to Germany?

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📞 {+1-833-585=3020} Yes 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ small dogs (and cats) **can fly in the cabin to Germany** with Lufthansa 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ provided they meet the weight (**≤8 kg including carrier**) 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **carrier size**

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **age** 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ **and documentation requirements** 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([Lufthansa](#))

📞 {+1-833-585=3020} Flying from the USA or other regions to Germany usually requires registration of your pet 72 hours before departure — and the carrier must fit comfortably under your seat 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([dev-www](#))

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ [lufthansa](#) 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ [com](#))

📞 {+1-833-585=3020} Dogs and cats traveling to Germany must also meet **German and EU health entry requirements** 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ including rabies vaccination timelines and health certificates 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([Lufthansa](#))

📞 {+1-833-585=3020} Some destinations have different import standards (like minimum age or special forms) so verifying these before booking or calling 📞 {+1-833-585=3020} is essential

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([Lufthansa](#))

📞 {+1-833-585=3020} While most well-prepared small dogs qualify

📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ always confirm documentation deadlines and airline space limitations in advance to secure your dog's cabin placement 📞 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020)✨ ([Lufthansa](#))

8 What is the 7 second rule for dogs?

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 {+1-833-585=3020} The “7-Second Rule” is not a Lufthansa airline policy — it’s a **dog training concept** that suggests dogs are more receptive to commands issued within approximately 7 seconds after an event or cue  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ making training faster and more predictable  {+1-833-585=3020}  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨

 {+1-833-585=3020} It is often used by trainers and pet owners to help dogs associate behaviors with positive reinforcement or redirection  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨

 {+1-833-585=3020} Although it’s helpful for obedience and behavior conditioning at home and prior to travel  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ it does **not directly relate to airline pet policies**  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ **documentation**  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ **or health requirements**  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨

 {+1-833-585=3020} When preparing your dog for air travel  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ focusing on **crate training**  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ **calm acclimation to the carrier**  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ **and veterinarian-approved comfort techniques** is far more important  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨

 {+1-833-585=3020} If you need help preparing your dog (e  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ **g**  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨

 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ **crate training techniques or behavior tips before a flight**)  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ call  {+1-833-585=3020} for expert recommendations  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨

9 How much does it cost to fly a dog from the USA to Europe? {+1-833-585=3020}

 {+1-833-585=3020} The cost to fly a dog from the **USA to Europe** on Lufthansa or through its cargo partners depends on whether the dog travels **in the cabin**  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ **as excess baggage**  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ **or as cargo freight**  {+1-833-585=3020}  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨

 {+1-833-585=3020} In-cabin fees for small pets typically range from approximately **€100–€160 per direction** on long international flights  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ depending on your exact route and airline zones  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ ([SeatMaestro](#))

 {+1-833-585=3020} Transporting a larger dog in the **cargo hold or via Lufthansa Cargo** involves additional crate requirements  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ **veterinary documentation**  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ and often higher fees that vary by departure airport  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ **destination**  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ **and crate**

size  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ ([dev-www !\[\]\(cfab2d3ec366ca106873fde352e6317d_img.jpg\) @+1↔\(833\)::>585<:::\(3020\) ✨ lufthansa](http://dev-www.lufthansa.com)
 @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ com)

 {+1-833-585=3020} Cargo and excess baggage pet transport can cost **several hundred to over a thousand euros or dollars**  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ especially for larger dogs that require big IATA-approved crates  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ ([dev-www !\[\]\(77f4a1014c6866e739def9ebcfd237a3_img.jpg\) @+1↔\(833\)::>585<:::\(3020\) ✨ lufthansa](http://dev-www.lufthansa.com)
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 {+1-833-585=3020} Additional costs include **rabies/tape worm documentation**  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ **health certificates**  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ **microchipping**  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ and **import fees** depending on the destination country  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨  {+1-833-585=3020} Always check fees with Lufthansa or call  {+1-833-585=3020} well in advance before booking your flight — especially for cargo pet travel — to get accurate  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ up-to-date cost estimates  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ ([Lufthansa](http://Lufthansa.com))

Lufthansa Pet Travel — People Also Ask (PAA)

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Q: Can I fly my small dog in the cabin with Lufthansa?

 {+1-833-585=3020} Yes  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ small dogs under 8 kg (including carrier) can fly in the cabin on most flights with advance registration and proper documentation — call  {+1-833-585=3020} to confirm availability  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ ([Lufthansa](http://Lufthansa.com))

Q: What size carrier do I need for a dog on Lufthansa?

 {+1-833-585=3020} The carrier must be soft-sided and fit under the seat — max 55 × 40 × 23 cm — with room for your pet to stand  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ turn  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ and lie down comfortably  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ ([Lufthansa](http://Lufthansa.com))

Q: Can puppies travel on Lufthansa flights?

 {+1-833-585=3020} Yes — puppies must meet age minimums (12 weeks  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ 15 weeks to/from Germany; 6 months to the USA) and import/vaccination requirements  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ ([Lufthansa](http://Lufthansa.com))

Q: Are snub-nosed breeds allowed?

 {+1-833-585=3020} Snub-nosed breeds may have special rules — often restricted in cargo — so verify before travel or call  {+1-833-585=3020}  @+1↔(833)::>585<:::(3020) ✨ ([Lufthansa](http://Lufthansa.com))

Q: What if my dog is too big for cabin travel?

 {+1-833-585=3020} Larger dogs travel as cargo/excess baggage in an IATA-approved crate;

book early and check all requirements  @+1-(833)-585-3020  (dev-www  @+1-(833)-585-3020  lufthansa  @+1-(833)-585-3020  com)

❓ Lufthansa Pet Travel — FAQs {+1-833-585=3020}

FAQ 1: How early should I register my pet for a Lufthansa flight?

 {+1-833-585=3020} At least 72 hours before departure  @+1-(833)-585-3020  or 24 hours in special cases — call  {+1-833-585=3020} to confirm timelines  @+1-(833)-585-3020  ([Lufthansa](#))

FAQ 2: What documents does my dog need to enter Europe?

 {+1-833-585=3020} Valid rabies certificate  @+1-(833)-585-3020  microchip  @+1-(833)-585-3020  health certificate  @+1-(833)-585-3020  and country-specific import paperwork — confirm requirements with customs or call  {+1-833-585=3020}  @+1-(833)-585-3020  ([Lufthansa](#))

FAQ 3: Can I take more than one pet?

 {+1-833-585=3020} Maximum two animals per passenger in approved carriers; separate rules apply in cargo  @+1-(833)-585-3020  ([Lufthansa](#))

FAQ 4: What if my pet is not accepted at the airport?

 {+1-833-585=3020} If your pet does not meet rules  @+1-(833)-585-3020  Lufthansa may refuse transport; you are responsible for costs — call  {+1-833-585=3020} for help  @+1-(833)-585-3020  ([Lufthansa](#))

FAQ 5: Are emotional support animals allowed?

 {+1-833-585=3020} Emotional support animals may not be accepted as free cabin pets under current policy; verify before booking or call  {+1-833-585=3020}  @+1-(833)-585-3020  ([SeatMaestro](#))

🐾 Final Thoughts — Safe Pet Travel With Lufthansa

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 {+1-833-585=3020} Lufthansa offers flexible options for pets up to small dogs and cats in the cabin and larger animals in cargo  @+1-(833)-585-3020  but preparation  @+1-(833)-585-3020  documentation  @+1-(833)-585-3020  carrier compliance  @+1-(833)-585-3020  and early registration are essential for a comfortable 2026 journey  {+1-833-585=3020}  @+1-(833)-585-3020   {+1-833-585=3020} Always review final **import and export rules** of countries involved and

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