








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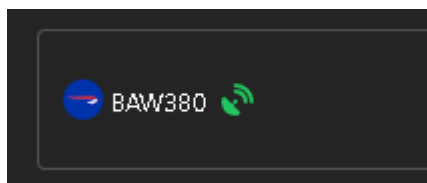
Connecting to smartCARS 3 to your simulator

The latest version of smartCARS 3 will automatically start tracking a flight once you have loaded into the simulator at the correct departure airport for a dispatched flight












Booked	Flight Number	Dep ICAO	Arr ICAO	Aircraft	Type	Actions
3/8/2025 12:14:08 PM PST 	 KAL11			 A380-800	Airbus A380 Tour - Leg 6	

The  icon indicates that this flight is being tracked and considered a live flight. As such, the Delete button is no longer shown.

In smartCARS 3, the icon is slightly different, but you will still see your live flight in the Dispatch screen with this green icon next to it.



You'll also notice that a flight that is in progress cannot be deleted. Instead, there is an icon to take you to the Flight Tracking screen.

 UAL8213			243nm	Schedule	A320-200 (A320)		
 BAW380 			5915nm	Airbus A380 Tour - Leg 14	A380-800 (A388)		

Troubleshooting connection issues

If the simulator is not running, smartCARS 3 may not be able to connect. Double-check that you are at an airport from which you have a dispatched flight departing. For support, you can try our [Discord](#), or escalate to [TFDi Design support](#).