

Thompson Aero Seating

Market-leading

Thompson Aero Seating is the recognised market leader in the design, engineering and manufacture of premium, business-class airline seating. Its innovative seating ranges provide people-centric solutions to maximise passenger comfort, privacy and personal space, optimising every inch of cabin real estate.

More than just seats

Innovation, flexibility, and a true partnership with its customers are the focus of the company. Thompson Aero Seating is committed to creating inspirational products of the highest possible quality, fulfilling the expectations and aspirations of passengers.

Bespoke and turnkey solutions

Full in-house capabilities enable Thompson Aero Seating to provide highly customised bespoke seating and comprehensive turnkey solutions, delivered seamlessly in partnership with its airline customers.

History

Thompson Aero Seating's founder, Mr James Thompson, started the company twenty years ago when he identified the need for improved, more efficient business-class solutions and the first Vantage, full-flat bed, was created.

Today, under the ownership of AVIC (Aviation Industry Corporation of China), one of the world's largest and leading aerospace companies, Thompson Aero Seating is one of Northern Ireland's most successful and fastest-growing businesses.

With over 600 staff, across four sites, Thompson Aero Seating has full design, engineering, manufacturing, and R&D capabilities.

Innovation

The ongoing exploration of new concepts, materials and technologies by Thompson Aero Seating's pioneering team of designers and engineers ensures it is always at the forefront of product development.

In November 2022, Thompson Aero Seating began work on a world-class dynamic test facility at its facilities Banbridge, Northern Ireland. Opening in October 2023, this major investment will launch Thompson Aero Seating into a new era of development, innovation and sustainability.

Sustainability

Sustainability is a key topic and significant challenge for the entire aviation industry. Thompson Aero Seating is starting on a journey to reduce its environmental impact and to drive sustainability across all areas. Covering both product and practice sustainability, we will review all aspects of our design and manufacturing methodology as well as our environmental, social, and economic sustainability within Thompson Aero Seating itself, and its suppliers.

Product range

Thompson Aero Seating has become synonymous as a market disruptor for premium aircraft seating solution with its Vantage range of products. Thompson's product design evolution is formed upon an extremely flexible and customisable platform, coupled with a unique methodology used during the

build process of the seats.

This approach facilitates a fluid and continued design process with reduced lead times, constantly pushing the boundaries and driving many 'first to market' features.

The Vantage family of products continues to grow and evolve with different densities and features, but all underpinned by innovative solutions and our focus on space creation.

The Vantage seating range from Thompson comprises:

- [Vantage](#) – fully flat business-class seating for single- or twin-aisle aircraft with impressive density through creative design
- [VantageXL](#) – fully flat business-class seating for twin-aisle, the ultimate in passenger comfort
- [VantageSOLO](#) – fully flat, business class without compromise, for single-aisle aircraft
- [VantageDUO](#) – Immersive Relaxed Position, radical comfort through innovative engineering, for long-range single-aisle aircraft
- VantageFirst – encompassed within both the [VantageXL](#) and [VantageSOLO](#) configurations is the possibility of enhanced front-row first-class suites without any loss of cabin density. First class for free!

The Vantage seating range is available across all Airbus (A320F, A330, A350 and A380) and Boeing (B737, B757, B767, B777 and B787) platforms.

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