

Fast Fact Friday

Stacking Pairings

Friday, September 12, 2025

Q1: “I’m a commuter and like to maximize my pay when I come to work. Is there a way to work more than one pairing in the same domicile day?”

There is! Our Contract states that a Flight Attendant can work more than one assignment in the same domicile day as long as the combined duty day does not exceed the scheduled FAR maximum duty day (14 hours from check-in to end of debrief) and there is at least two (2) hours scheduled between block-in to block-out of the two pairings.

NOTE: A Flight Attendant can exceed the FAR maximum scheduled duty day (14 hours) if they are only scheduled to deadhead after 13:30 hours. (Article 8.2.A.1.f)

Q2: “How do I calculate the required time in between the two pairings? How do I calculate the total duty day?”

- The required two (2) hours between the two pairings is calculated from block-in of the first pairing to block out of the second pairing.
- The total FAR duty day is calculated from check-in/report of the first pairing to the end of debrief of the last pairing.



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Date	Flight	Depart	Arrive	Eq	Pax
Rpt 0500					
09 Sep	687	MDW 0600	DEN 0635	73H	0
09 Sep	1096	DEN 0950	BNA 1220	7U8	0
09 Sep	1165	BNA 1300	MIA 1520	7U8	0
Rls 1550					
MIA:1350 Hotel: Hyatt Regency #305-358-1234					
Rpt 0540					
10 Sep	3791	MIA 0610	BWI 0845	73H	0
10 Sep	3163	BWI 0940	CMH 1100	73H	0
Rls 1130					
CMH:1715 Hotel: Hilton Columbus Downtown #61					
Rpt 0445					
11 Sep	2420	CMH 0515	MDW 0630	7U8	0
Rls 0700					

Date	Flight	Depart	Arrive	Eq	Pax
Rpt 0800					
11 Sep	1001	MDW 0900	MIA 1030	73H	0
11 Sep	1177	BNA 1325	FLL 1545	73H	0
Rls 1615					
FLL:1630 Hotel: Renaissance Fort Lauderdale #92					
Rpt 0545					
12 Sep	2799	FLL 0615	STL 0905	7W8	0
12 Sep	2901	STL 0950	MSY 1130	7W8	0
Rls 1200					
MSY:1710 Hotel: Marriott New Orleans Downtown					
Rpt 0510					
13 Sep	3282	MSY 0540	LAS 0920	7U8	0
13 Sep	1923	LAS 1055	MDW 1430	73H	0
Rls 1500					

Combined Duty Day Calculation

0445 CT (Report) to
1615 CT (End of Debrief) =
Combined Duty Day of 11:30 hours

Scheduled Time Between Pairings

0630 CT (Block-In) to
0900 CT (Block-Out) =
Scheduled Time between Pairings is 3.5 hours

*** NOTE: Both pairings are being displayed in CT. ***

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Q3: “After I finish the first pairing, do I have to check-in for the second pairing? Or am I already checked in because I worked that same day?”

If the pairings **do not originate on the same domicile day**, you will need to check-in at/before the required check-in time for both pairings.

If both pairings originate on the same domicile day, it will depend on how long you have scheduled between check-in of the first pairing to scheduled check-in of the second pairing.

- If the pairings are **within six (6) hours**, you will **automatically be checked in** for the second pairing.
- If the pairings check in **more than six (6) hours**, you will **need to check-in** again. (Article 8.2.A.1.f and Contract Q&As #8.12)



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Date	Flight	Depart	Arrive	Eq.	Pax.
23 Sep	1853	BWI 0710	RSW 0950	73W	0
23 Sep	3336	RSW 1025	BWI 1250	73W	0

Notice that both pairings originate on 09/23.

*** All times are reflected in CT. ***

Date	Flight	Depart	Arrive	Eq.	Pax.
23 Sep	1880	BWI 1805	PVD 1725	73W	0
23 Sep	4047	PVD 1805	DCA 1940	73W	0
24 Sep	139	DCA 0945	CHH 1105	73W	0
24 Sep	675	CHH 1145	FLL 1420	73W	0
24 Sep	2253	FLL 1510	DCA 1800	73W	0
25 Sep	510	DCA 1435	OKC 1740	73W	0
25 Sep	510	OKC 1820	HOU 1945	73W	0
25 Sep	510	HOU 2025	BWI 2325	73W	0

Time Between Check-In on the Same Domicile Day

0610 CT
(Check-In of Pairing #1) to
1505 CT
(Check-In of Pairing #2) =
8:55 hours

This Flight Attendant would **NOT** be automatically checked in for Pairing #2 because it's more than six (6) hours from report to check-in.

NOTE: If you are automatically checked in for the second assignment but don't want to be, you can call Crew Scheduling and have them uncheck you in. This means that you will be required to check-in at or before the scheduled check-in time associated with the second pairing. (Article 8.2.A.1.f and Contract Q&As #8.13)

Q4: “I’m working the second pairing of the same domicile day and we are running late! The total duty day has exceeded 12 hours. Does that mean I get the extended duty premium?”

Each duty day will be calculated independently when determining whether the extended duty day premium will be applicable. This means that you would need to have a duty day exceeding twelve (12) hours on a singular pairing, not a combination of both. (Contract Q&A #8.14)

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**Q5: “What happens if my first pairing runs late and I miss the check-in of my second pairing?
Will the pull/reschedule have pay protections?”**

If you are unable to make the second pairing due to running late on the first pairing, the pull/reschedule will not result in a loss of pay. You will be paid what you were originally scheduled to work or what you actually work, whichever is greater. (Contract Q&As #8.16)

