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**US AIRWAYS FOM 1.3.4
CAPTAINS AUTHORITY**

1.3.4 Captain's Authority & Status.

Authority. This manual does not and could not cover every contingency. US Airways expects its captains to use common sense and good judgement, especially in those situations not specifically covered.

The captain is in complete command of the aircraft and has authority over all assigned crewmembers from the time they report for duty until termination of the flight. This includes transportation to and from the layover facility.

Crewmembers will promptly comply with a captain's order. Conflicting procedures and instructions should be brought to the captain's attention; however, if the order stands, it is to be obeyed.

The captain is solely responsible for his aircraft, crew and passengers. He is the final authority in Flight Operations matters (e.g., boarding, fueling, maintenance, etc.). If he is not sure the operation can be safely executed, then the operation will stop until he is completely satisfied.

Delegation. The captain has the authority to delegate duties, but maintains the responsibility to ensure the task is accomplished.