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Russian Media Unveils Pictures of New Platzkart Car Design

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Russia's state-run RIA Novosti news agency has published pictures of the concept design of new train cars slated to replace the legendary Soviet economy class train carriages called *platzkart*.

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Russian Railways will start replacing the coaches with stacked beds as early as next year, the Vedomosti business daily cited the state-owned railway company's development plans as saying.

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New trains will reportedly feature two-story cars with a shower cabin and a baggage compartment.

Sleeping carriages older than 12.5 years will be upgraded to include USB slots and service areas with vending machines, according to the railway development plan.

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As part of its effort to boost ridership, the railway will increase train speeds, build new routes and purchase new noise and vibration-canceling two-story train carriages with first and second-class service.

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