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# Section 1 INTRODUCTION

The Owner's Manual for your new Airstream trailer is designed to respond to the most frequent inquiries regarding the operation, function, and care of the many systems that make modern trailering a joy.

Airstream realizes our customers possess varying degrees of expertise in the area of repairing and maintaining the appliances in their trailer. For this reason, the service information found in this manual is directed toward those with average mechanical skills.

We also realize that you may be more familiar with one area than you are with another. Only you know your capabilities and limitations. We want you to use this manual and hope you will find the information contained in it useful. However, should you ever feel that you may be in need of assistance, please consult your Airstream dealer for advice on repairs that may be required.

A brief explanation of the operation of the appliances such as refrigerator, furnace, water heater, and others, are explained in this manual. However, you will also find the manufacturer's information, supplied in a packet included with this manual, to be more detailed.

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We have provided many important safety messages in this manual. Always read and obey all safety messages.



## **WARNING**

**A warning is used for a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury to persons.**



## **CAUTION**

**A caution is used to advise caution when performing actions that could result in minor or moderate injury to persons and/or damage to equipment.**

## **NOTE**

**A note is used to address practices not related to personal injury. This applies to hazardous situations involving property damage only.**

Optional items may be available on all, or particular models. Additionally, some optional items can only be included during the manufacturing phase and cannot later be added to the trailer.

The inclusion of optional items information in this manual does not imply or suggest the availability, application suitability, or inclusion for any specific unit.

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# Safety

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## Safety Precautions

Many things can be construed as safety related, but the most important is your common sense. If you are careless with matches, cigarettes, flammable material, or any other hazardous material, you surely realize your potential for accidents is greatly increased.

You will find many safety recommendations in this section and throughout the manual. The following recommendations are the ones we consider to be the most important.

### Transporting of Passengers

The transporting of people in the trailer puts their lives at risk and may be illegal. The trailer does not have seat belts, therefore, it is not designed to carry passengers.

### Towing and Weight Distribution

Weight distribution is an important factor when loading your travel trailer. A recreational vehicle with the cargo distributed properly will result in efficient, trouble-free towing. Refer to Section 7 - Towing for more information.

### Control Sway

Sway or fishtailing is the sideways action of a trailer caused by external forces. Excessive sway of your travel trailer can lead to the rollover of the trailer and tow vehicle, resulting in serious injury or death. Refer to Section 7 - Towing for more information.

### Lug Nut Torquing

Making sure wheel mounting nuts (lug nuts) on trailer wheels are tight and properly torqued is an important responsibility that trailer owners and users need to understand and practice. Inadequate and/or inappropriate wheel nut torque (tightness) is a major cause of lug nuts loosening in service. Loose lug nuts can rapidly lead to a wheel separation resulting in potentially serious safety consequences. See torque pattern in Section 8 - Maintenance for tightening sequence, and follow torque specifications in Section 4 - Floor Plans and Specifications.

### Tire Safety

Properly maintained tires improve the steering, stopping, traction, and load-carrying capability of your vehicle. Refer to Section 8 - Maintenance for tire care and safety information. Also, be sure to read the Tire Safety Manual Addendum included with your owner's packet.

## Appliances and Equipment

The appliances (stove, refrigerator, etc.) and equipment (hot water heater, furnace, etc.) typically operate on liquefied petroleum (LP) gas. LP gas is flammable and is contained under high pressure. Improper use may result in a fire and/or explosion. Make sure to follow all instructions and warnings in this manual as well as those in the specific owner's manuals of the appliances and equipment.

### Mold

Mold and mold spores exist throughout indoor and outdoor environments. There is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in the indoor environment; however, the way to control indoor mold growth is to control moisture. Refer to Section 3 - General Information (Camping) for information on controlling condensation and molds.

## Chemical Sensitivity and Ventilation

### Chemical Sensitivity

Immediately after the purchase of your new recreational vehicle, and sometimes after it has been closed up for an extended period of time, you may notice a strong odor and/or experience a chemical sensitivity. This is not a defect in your recreational vehicle. Like your home, there are many different products used in the construction of recreational vehicles, such as carpet, linoleum, plywood, insulation, upholstery, etc. Formaldehyde is also the by-product of combustion and numerous household products such as some paints, coatings, and cosmetics. However, recreational vehicles are much smaller than your home and therefore, the exchange of air inside a recreational vehicle is significantly less than in a home. These products, when new or when exposed to elevated temperatures and/or humidity, may off-gas different chemicals, including formaldehyde. This off-gassing, in combination with the minimal air exchange, may cause you to experience irritation of the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as sometimes headache, nausea, and a variety of asthma-like symptoms. Elderly persons and young children, as well as anyone with a history of asthma, allergies, or lung problems, may be more susceptible to the effects of off-gassing.

## Formaldehyde

Formaldehyde is a naturally occurring substance and is an important chemical used widely by industry to manufacture building materials and numerous household products. It is also a by-product of combustion and certain other natural processes. Thus, it may be present inside the trailer and some individuals may be sensitive to it. Ventilation of the unit normally reduces the exposure to a comfortable level.

Trace levels of formaldehyde are released from smoking, cooking, and use of soaps and detergents, such as carpet shampoos, cosmetics, and many other household products. Some people are very sensitive to formaldehyde while others may not have any reaction to the same levels of formaldehyde. Amounts released decrease over time.

Your Airstream trailer was manufactured using low formaldehyde-emitting (LFE) wood products, use of which is typical in the recreation vehicle industry. Formaldehyde has an important role in the adhesives used to bind wood products used in recreation vehicles. The wood products in your trailer are designed to emit formaldehyde at or lower than industry guidelines and should not produce symptoms in most individuals.

While LFE wood products typically do not emit formaldehyde at a level that would cause symptoms in most individuals, it is possible, though not likely, for that to occur when the trailer is not properly ventilated. Ventilation is an essential requirement for trailer use, for many reasons. Any effects of formaldehyde can be greatly reduced by actions such as opening windows, opening roof vents, running the air conditioner, or some combination thereof. In addition, the emission of formaldehyde by these products naturally decreases rapidly over time.

Airstream strongly suggests you take measures to properly ventilate your trailer on a regular basis. If you have any questions with respect to proper ventilation of your trailer, please do not hesitate to contact your Airstream dealer.

## Ventilation

To reduce or lessen exposure to chemicals from off-gassing, it is of utmost importance that you ventilate your recreational vehicle. Ventilation should occur frequently after purchase and at times when the temperatures and humidity are elevated. Remember, off-gassing is accelerated by heat and humidity.

Open windows, exhaust vents, and doors. Operate ceiling and/or other fans, roof air conditioners, and furnaces, and use a fan to force stale air out and bring fresh air in. Decreasing the flow of air by sealing the recreational vehicle increases the formaldehyde level in the vehicle's indoor air.

## Do Not Smoke

It is recommended you do not smoke inside your recreational vehicle. In addition to causing damage to your recreational vehicle, tobacco smoke releases formaldehyde and other toxic chemicals.

## Medical Advice

Questions regarding the effects of formaldehyde on your health should be submitted to your doctor or local health department.

## Alarms and Detectors

### Smoke Alarm

A smoke detector is provided with your trailer. A manual pertaining to the detector is included in the paperwork given to you at the dealership. Please read and follow all care, maintenance, and safety information contained in the smoke alarm manual.

The smoke alarm will beep once a minute for at least 30 days when the battery is weak. The battery must immediately be replaced with a fresh one.



### WARNING

**Alarm battery is shipped deactivated. Check your alarm for proper battery installation. To activate battery, new Airstream owner must install included battery to proper orientation.**



### WARNING

**Smoke alarms have a limited life. The unit should be replaced immediately if it is not operating properly. You should always replace a smoke alarm after 10 years from the date of purchase. Write the purchase date on the space provided on the back of unit.**

If service is required, or you have not received a smoke alarm user's manual, please contact the Consumer Affairs Division at 800-323-9005.

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## Carbon Monoxide Alarm

Carefully read and understand the contents of this instruction manual before using the alarm.

Store the manual in a safe place for future reference. Pay particular attention to the safety warnings. Pass the manual on to any subsequent users of the alarm.

If you have not received the owner's manual for the Carbon Monoxide Alarm, please contact Airstream factory Customer Service or Quantum Group Inc. at 1-800-432-5599



### WARNING

Failure to replace this product by the “**REPLACE BY DATE**” printed on the alarm cover may result in death by Carbon Monoxide poisoning. Replace By Date is six (6) years from the date of manufacture.



### WARNING

Activation of your carbon monoxide (CO) alarm's audible horn indicates the presence of CO that can kill you. Leave the area immediately!



### WARNING

This product is intended for use in ordinary, indoor locations of family living units. It is not designed to measure compliance with occupational safety and health administration (OSHA) commercial or industrial standards. Individuals who are at special risk from carbon monoxide exposure by reason of age, pregnancy, or medical condition may consider using warning devices which provide audible and visual signals for carbon monoxide concentration under 30 ppm. If in doubt, consult your medical practitioner.

### This Carbon Monoxide Alarm Is Not:

- Designed to detect smoke, fire, or any gas other than carbon monoxide.
- To be seen as a substitute for the proper servicing of fuel-burning appliances.
- To be used on an intermittent basis, or as a portable alarm for spillage of combustion products from fuel-burning appliances.

## NOTE

**This carbon monoxide alarm is designed for indoor use only. Do not expose to rain or moisture. Do not knock or drop the alarm. Do not open or tamper with the alarm as this could cause malfunction. The alarm will not protect against the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning when the batteries are dead or missing. The alarm will only indicate the presence of carbon monoxide gas at the sensor. Carbon monoxide gas may be present in other areas.**

### Important Safety Precautions:

- Carbon monoxide (CO) is produced by the incomplete combustion of fuels such as wood, charcoal, coal, heating oil, paraffin, gasoline, natural gas, propane, butane, etc.
- Ideally, it is recommended that a CO alarm should be installed in or near every room that has a fuel burning appliance such as any room heaters, water heaters, cookers, grills, etc.
- Ensure that the alarm horn can be heard by all those who are intended to hear it. Seek medical help if it is suspected that a user of the RV is suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning.
- If the alarm sounds, make sure to investigate the problem. Ignoring the alarm may result in sickness, injury, or death. (CO may be present even if nothing is seen or smelled by the user.)
- Room spaces should be well ventilated when household cleaning supplies are used as these may cause a false alarm.
- Alarm should be tested once per week. If further details are required, which do not appear in this manual, contact BRK Brands Inc. First Alert.

### What Is Carbon Monoxide

CO is a highly poisonous gas that is released when fuels are burned. It is invisible, has no smell, and is therefore very difficult to detect with the human senses. Under normal conditions, in a room where fuel-burning appliances are well maintained and correctly ventilated, the amount of CO released into the room by appliances is not dangerous.

These fuels include wood, coal, charcoal, oil, natural gas, gasoline, kerosene, and propane. Common appliances are often sources of CO. If they are not properly maintained, are improperly ventilated, or malfunction, CO levels can rise quickly. CO is a real

danger in air-tight trailers with added insulation, sealed windows, and other weatherproofing that can trap CO inside.

**The following conditions can result in potentially dangerous CO situations:**

- Excessive spillage or reverse-venting of fuel-burning appliances caused by outdoor conditions, such as:
  - Wind direction and/or velocity, including high gusts of wind.
  - Heavy air in the vent pipes (cold/humid air with extended periods between cycles).
  - Negative pressure differential resulting from use of exhaust fans.
  - Simultaneous operation of several fuel-burning appliances competing for limited internal air.
  - Vent-pipe connections vibrating loose from clothes dryers, furnaces, or water heaters.
  - Obstructions in or unconventional vent-pipe designs which can amplify the above situations.
- Extended use of un-vented fuel burning devices.
- Temperature increase that can trap exhaust gases near the ground.

### Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

**The following symptoms are related to CO POISONING:**

- Mild Exposure - Slight headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue (flu-like symptoms).
- Medium Exposure - Throbbing headache, drowsiness, confusion, fast heart rate.
- Extreme Exposure - Convulsions, unconsciousness, heart and lung failure. Exposure to CO can cause brain damage and/or death.



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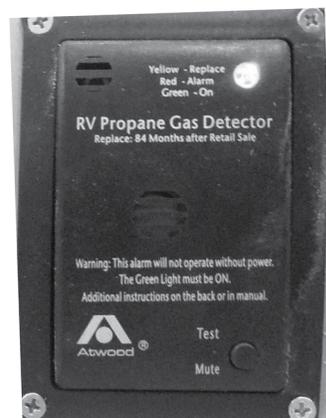
**Many causes of reported CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING indicate that while victims are aware that they are not well, they become so disoriented that they are unable to save themselves by either exiting the building or calling for assistance. Also, young children and pets may be the first to be affected.**



### WARNING

**Test units used in RVs after the vehicle has been in storage, before each trip, and once a week while in use. Failure to test units used in RVs as described may remove your protection.**

### Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) Detector



This alarm has a seven year life; see end-of-life notification in LPG detector manual. Please read the entire detector manual before operating the unit.

The LPG detector is located in the kitchen area. LPG is a mixture of gases produced and sold commercially as a fuel for heating and cooking appliances. LPG is highly flammable and, as a result, can be explosive if ignited under certain circumstances. LPG is heavier than air and, if confined in a closed space, will accumulate close to the floor. The LPG detector is designed to alarm at less than 25% of the legal explosive limit. It will provide a visual and audible alarm by sounding an alarm every 5 seconds and illuminating the red light emitting diode.

Your LPG detector is wired directly to your trailer battery and incorporates a 1-amp, in-line fuse. It has no internal battery backup. In normal stand-by mode, the LED indicator will be green.

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## Low Voltage

The operating voltage for the detector is 12 VDC. The actual voltage supplied to the detector in a recreational vehicle may drop below the minimum 8 VDC. The detector provides the user with a low voltage warning before reaching that level and will provide additional distinct, clear warnings and alarms after the 8 VDC level is reached. However, if available power supplied to the unit is below the operating voltage of 8 VDC, the detector will not detect gas or provide protection against dangerous levels of LPG.



### **WARNING**

**Activation of this detector indicates the possible presence of LPG, which can cause an explosion and/or fire, causing serious injury or death. This normally indicates a leak in the LPG installation or an LPG appliance. Extinguish all open flames, open your windows and door, and evacuate the unit immediately. Do not activate any electrical switch. Turn off the LPG at your gas tank(s). Do not re-enter your unit until a qualified repair technician has corrected the problem and certified the system as safe.**



### **WARNING**

**It is not recommended that the detector be disconnected from the battery during periods of storage. There is a small heater on the sensor of the device that burns away impurities in the air during periods of normal use. During periods when power is interrupted, impurities can build up on the sensor. When power is returned to the detector, the detector alarm may activate until the impurities are burned off. This could take a number of hours, during which time the alarm will be constantly on.**

## Detector Test

The Test/Rest button is used to verify proper alarm function. Executing the test function sounds the alarm and illuminates the red LED. The test will sound the alarm twice, with four beeps in 1 second, followed by 5 seconds of silence. By pressing the button, you can verify that the alarm sounds and the LED functions properly.



### **WARNING**

**Have a qualified technician check your LPG system annually or if you detect any signs of leaks or malfunctions.**

### **NOTE**

**Refer to Section 5 - Interior and Section 6 - Exterior for additional LPG warnings and safety information.**

## Fire Extinguisher

The fire extinguisher, just inside your forward door, should be checked for charge on a regular basis. Make sure your family, especially the cook, knows how to release the extinguisher storage bracket and how to properly operate the extinguisher. Check with your local fire department for professional advice on its operation and use if you find the directions on the extinguisher unclear. They will be able and willing to assist you and your family.

# Section 3

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## Limited Warranty Policy

### Warranty Coverage

Airstream, Inc. (“Airstream”) warrants it will repair or replace defects in material or workmanship in any components of a new Airstream trailer purchased from an authorized Airstream dealer in the United States or Canada for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date the trailer is first delivered to the original retail purchaser. In order to obtain coverage under this Limited Warranty, you must notify an authorized Airstream dealership or Airstream of the warrantable defect no later than ten (10) days following expiration of this Limited Warranty. Airstream’s obligation to repair or replace defective materials or workmanship is the sole obligation of Airstream under this Limited Warranty. Airstream reserves the right to use new or remanufactured parts of similar quality to complete any warranty work.

### Limitation of Implied Warranties

Implied warranties arising under applicable law, if any, including, but not limited to, implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, are hereby limited in duration to the term of this limited warranty. All other warranties, express or implied, are hereby disclaimed by Airstream. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations may not apply to you.

### Items Not Covered

This Limited Warranty does not provide coverage for any of the following:

1. Tires, batteries, stereo, television, range/stove, furnace, refrigerator, water heater, microwave, generator, and other materials, parts, and components warranted by persons or entities other than Airstream. Please refer to the warranties of component manufacturers for terms and conditions of coverage;
2. Any part or component of the trailer that was not manufactured or installed by Airstream;
3. Normal deterioration due to wear or exposure, including, but not limited to, rust, corrosion, oxidation, and cosmetic blemishes;
4. Normal maintenance and service items, including, but not limited to, light bulbs, fuses, lubricants, sealants and seals, door adjustments, and awning tension;
5. After-market equipment or accessories installed on the trailer after completion of manufacture by Airstream, or any defects or damage caused by such items;
6. Trailers not purchased through an authorized dealer of Airstream trailers, and trailers purchased directly or indirectly through auction, salvage, repossession, or other non-customary sale means;
7. Defects or damage caused by, in whole or in part, or in any way related to:
  - a. Accidents, misuse (including off-road use), or negligence.
  - b. Failure to comply with the instructions set forth in any owner’s manual provided with the trailer.
  - c. Alteration or modification of the trailer, except such alterations or modifications approved in writing by Airstream.
  - d. Acts of God or other environmental conditions, such as lightning, hail, salt, or other chemicals in the atmosphere.
  - e. De-icing agents or other chemicals applied to the trailer.
  - f. Failure to properly maintain or service the trailer, including, but not limited to, the maintenance of lubricants, sealants, and seals.
  - g. Condensation and the results of condensation, including water damage and the growth of mold or mildew. Mold and mildew are natural growths, given certain environmental conditions, and are not covered by the terms of this Limited Warranty.
  - h. Use of the trailer other than for temporary recreation purposes, including, but not limited to, use of the trailer for residential, disaster relief, commercial, or rental purposes.
  - i. The addition of weight to the trailer that causes the trailer’s total weight to exceed applicable trailer weight ratings, or addition of weight causing improper distribution of the weight of the trailer.
  - j. Selection, use, and operation of any hitch assembly.
  - k. Failure to seek and obtain repairs in a timely manner.
  - l. Failure to use reasonable efforts to mitigate damage caused by defects.

# General Information

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- m. Failure to properly ventilate the trailer.
- n. Improper electric power supply or improper vehicle hookup to other facilities.
- o. Acts or omissions of any person or entity other than Airstream.

## Disclaimer of Incidental and Consequential Damages

Airstream hereby disclaims any and all incidental and consequential damages arising out of, or relating to, the trailer, including expenses such as transportation to and from vehicle dealerships and Airstream repair facilities, loss of time, loss of pay, loss of use, inconvenience, commercial loss (including lost profits), towing charges, bus fares, vehicle rental, service call charges, gasoline expenses, incidental charges such as telephone calls and facsimile transmissions, and expenses for lodging. This disclaimer is independent of any failure of the essential purpose of any warranties provided with a trailer, and shall survive any determination that a warranty failed of its essential purpose. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

## Obtaining Warranty Service

In order to obtain warranty service under this Limited Warranty, the owner must do all of the following:

1. Owner and dealer representative must complete and return the Customer Performance Checkout within 10 days from delivery of the trailer;
2. Notify Airstream or one of its authorized, independent dealers of any claimed defect within the warranty period or 10 days thereafter;
3. Provide notification of a defect within 10 days of discovery of that defect;
4. Promptly return the trailer to an authorized Airstream dealer or Airstream for repairs.

If you believe a defect covered by this Limited Warranty still exists after an attempted repair by an authorized Airstream dealer, you must contact Airstream at the following address, specifying:

1. The complete serial number of the trailer;
2. The date of original purchase and the date of original delivery;
3. The name of the selling dealer; and
4. The nature of the problem and the steps or service which have been performed.

AIRSTREAM, INC.

419 West Pike Street

P.O. Box 629

Jackson Center, Ohio 45334-0629

Attention: Owner Relations Department

Airstream may direct you to an authorized Airstream dealer, or may request that you bring your trailer to the Airstream factory in Jackson Center, Ohio for repairs.

Airstream does not control the scheduling of repairs at its authorized Airstream dealers, and repairs at the Airstream factory may not be immediately available. Therefore, you may encounter delays in scheduling repairs and/or completion of repairs. All costs associated with transporting the trailer for any warranty service shall be the sole responsibility of the owner.

## Dealer Representations Excluded

The entire Limited Warranty provided by Airstream is set forth herein. Airstream will not be responsible for any additional representations or warranties made by any person or entity other than Airstream, and Airstream's obligations are solely as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Limited Warranty.

## Warranty Transfer

This Limited Warranty is transferable to subsequent owners for the remaining duration of the warranty period, upon approval from Airstream. Transfer of this Limited Warranty will only be approved by Airstream upon all of the following:

1. Airstream's receipt of a completed transfer application form;
2. The payment of a \$250.00 processing fee to Airstream; and
3. The completion of an inspection of the condition of the trailer, at the owner's expense, by an authorized Airstream dealer in accordance with Airstream's required procedure and Airstream's receipt of a written report as to the results of such inspection.

Transfer application forms are available from your dealer or Airstream's Service Administration Department.



## Changes In Design

Airstream reserves the right to make changes in design and improvements upon its products from time to time, without imposing upon itself any obligation to install additional features in your trailer.

## Statute Of Limitations

No action may be brought against Airstream for breach of this Limited Warranty, any applicable implied warranty, or for any other claim arising out of, or relating to, an Airstream trailer, more than thirty (30)-days after: (1) expiration of the twenty-four (24)-month Limited Warranty period; or (2) expiration of the ten (10)-day notice period that follows expiration of the Limited Warranty period, if such notice is given.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights that vary from state to state.

## Explanation Of Airstream Limited Warranty

The Airstream Limited Warranty is detailed on a Warranty Card. It is filled out by the dealer and presented to the owner during delivery of a new unit. The Limited Warranty must be presented to a dealer to obtain warranty service. It should be kept in the trailer during the warranty period.

## Exclusions

### Normal Wear

Items such as curtains; upholstery; floor coverings; and window, door, and vent seals will show wear or may even wear out within the 2-year warranty period, depending upon the amount of usage, weather, and atmospheric conditions.

### Accident

We strongly urge our dealers and customers to inspect the trailer upon receipt of delivery for any damage caused by accident while being delivered to the dealer, or while it is on the dealer's lot. Damage of this nature becomes the dealer or customer's responsibility upon acceptance of delivery, unless Airstream is notified and the person making the delivery verifies the damage. Glass breakage, whether obviously struck or mysterious, is always accidental and covered by most insurance policies.

### Abuse

Lack of customer care and/or improper maintenance will result in early failure for which Airstream cannot be held responsible.

## Exposure

Not unlike a car, the steel parts of a trailer can and will rust if subjected to prolonged exposure to moisture, salt air, or corrosive air-borne pollutants without repainting. Aluminum oxidizes when unprotected under similar conditions, and refinery chemicals of a sulfurous nature are harmful to finishes if not washed off periodically. Extremely hot or direct sunlight will deteriorate rubber and fade curtains and upholstery. Conditions of this nature, although they may be normal for the area, are beyond Airstream's control and become the responsibility of the owner.

It is the responsibility of the owner to take such preventative measures as are necessary to maintain the exterior caulking and sealer of your unit. It is the responsibility of the owner to use reasonable, prudent care to prevent foreseeable secondary damage from rain, plumbing leaks, and the natural accumulation of moisture in your unit, such as a delaminated floor; stained upholstery, carpeting, or drapes, mold formation and growth, furniture damage, etc. Mold is a natural growth, given certain environmental conditions, and is not covered by the terms of the Limited Warranty.

## Overload

Damage due to loading, either beyond capacity or to cause improper towing because of improper balance, is beyond Airstream's responsibility. The Airstream trailer is engineered to properly handle the gross vehicle load rating on the certification label. Load distribution has a definite effect upon the towing characteristics and attitudes of the trailer. Level hitch installations are a necessity, and very important on a tandem axle trailer. There are limits to the amount of load that can be safely transported, depending upon speed and road conditions, and reasonable cause to believe these factors have been exceeded could void the Airstream warranty. For additional information on the loading of your trailer, consult this Owner's Manual or gross vehicle weight rating plate.

The axle is manufactured to a tolerance of 1-degree camber and 1/8 in. toe-in. These tolerances will only change if the trailer is subjected to abuse, such as dropping off a sharp berm, striking a curb, or hitting a deep hole in the road. Such damage could be considered as resulting from an accident, of which risks are not covered under the warranty. Abnormal tire wear and/or wheel alignment resulting from such damage is not covered under the terms of the warranty.

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## Chemical Gassing

Chemical gassing is not a “Defect” in your recreational vehicle and is not covered by the Limited Warranty. Please follow the recommendations in this manual to address this concern.

## Service

Before leaving the factory, every vital part of the trailer is tested for performance. Each test is signed and certified by an inspector. After the trailer arrives on your dealer’s lot, all vital parts and systems are again tested. When you take delivery of your new trailer, you will receive a complete check out.

At that time, a specified list of performance checks on your trailer equipment will be conducted, and any deficiencies you have experienced since taking delivery will be corrected.

Please contact your dealer if your trailer needs service. Major service under your Airstream Limited Warranty is available through our nationwide network of Airstream Dealer Service Centers. An up-to-date list of Dealer Service Centers will be sent to you with an Owner’s Survey shortly after your trailer is delivered. Our website, [www.Airstream.com](http://www.Airstream.com) also has a dealer locator on it. This list is current as of the date of this publication.

Occasionally, dealerships change or new dealers are added who may not appear on this list. For this reason, it is suggested you contact your local dealer from time to time for an updated list. Additional copies are available if you need them. All centers operate on an appointment basis for the utmost efficiency.

When you require service for your trailer from the Airstream Factory Service Center or a Certified Dealer Service Center, please contact the service manager for an appointment, and inform him if you are unable to keep the appointment date or wish to change it. Service may be arranged at the Factory Service Center by contacting the Service Coordinator at:

Airstream Factory Service Center,  
P.O. Box 629,  
419 W. Pike Street,  
Jackson Center, Ohio 45334-0629  
Phone: (937) 596-6111 or (877) 596-6111

## Reporting Safety Defects

If you believe your vehicle has a defect which could cause a crash or could cause injury or death, you should immediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in addition to notifying Airstream, Inc.

If NHTSA receives similar complaints, it may open an investigation, and if it finds that a safety defect exists in a group of vehicles, it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in individual problems between you, your dealer, or Airstream, Inc.

To contact NHTSA, you may either call the Vehicle Safety Hotline toll-free at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), go to <http://www.safercar.gov>, or write to:

Administrator,  
NHTSA,  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.,  
Washington, DC 20590.

You can also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from <http://www.safercar.gov>.

## Camping

### Suggested Pre-Travel Check List

#### Interior

1. Turn off water pump switch.
2. Check battery water level.
3. Close windows and vents.
4. Lock all interior cabinet doors.
5. Latch refrigerator door. (Seal containers first.)
6. Hold down or securely stack all loose, hard, and sharp objects.
7. Fasten sliding and foldette doors.
8. Drain toilet bowl.
9. Turn off interior lights.
10. Set table in upright position.
11. Pull up or retract step.
12. Lower blinds.
13. Secure and lock main door.



## Exterior

1. Disconnect and stow the electrical hookup cord, and the sewer (flush out), and water hookup hoses.
2. Turn off gas at LP tanks.
3. Retract stabilizing jacks.
4. Check hitch for proper attachment.
5. Check safety chains and breakaway switch cable.
6. Fully retract hitch jack. Remove and stow jack stand or wood block.
7. Check clearance and stoplights.
8. Check lug nuts.
9. Check tires for correct pressure.
10. Check that TV antenna is properly stowed.
11. Adjust tow vehicle mirrors.
12. Pull forward about 50 ft, test brakes, and check site for forgotten objects and cleanliness.

## Trailer Equipment and Accessories

1. Water hose, 5/8 in. high pressure, tasteless, odorless, non-toxic, (2 25-ft. sections)
2. Y connection -- water hose
3. Sewer hose with clamp
4. Drain cap with hose drain
5. Holding tank cleaner and deodorizer
6. Power cord adapter, 30-amp capacity
7. 50-ft. electric cord, 12-3 wire, 30-amp capacity
8. 25-ft. electric cord, 10-3, 30-amp capacity
9. Woodblocks for leveling
10. Wheel chocks
11. Hydraulic jacks
12. Cross-type lug wrench and a torque wrench
13. Quality tire gauge
14. Emergency road warning triangle

## Motoring Essentials

1. Display the tow vehicle and trailer registration properly.
2. Carry driver's license.
3. In Canada, bring along a non-residence liability insurance card and your birth certificate.
4. In Mexico, you must have special auto insurance.

5. Carry an extra set of the ignition and truck keys in a separate pocket, or in your wallet.
6. Keep an operating flashlight with fresh batteries in the glove compartment.
7. Pack the trunk so that you can reach the tools and spare tire without completely unpacking.
8. Keep sharp or hard articles securely packed.
9. Do not pack things in the passenger seating area. You will need the maximum space for comfort.
10. Wear easy wash, drip-dry traveling clothes.
11. Do not make your vacation trips a mileage marathon. Stop and relax frequently.
12. Carry a first-aid kit.
13. Carry your pet's dish, food, leash, and health and registration papers.

## Overnight Stop

Airstream owners have parked virtually in every place imaginable, from filling stations to farmlands. In time, you'll develop a knack for spying wonderful little roadside locations by turning off the main highway and exploring.

There are many modern parks, including State, County, and Federal parks with good facilities where you might obtain hookups of electrical, water, and sewer connections. Directories are published which describe in detail these parks and tell what is available in the way of services and hookups.

On overnight or weekend trips, chances are you will not use up the capacity of the sewage holding tank, deplete the water supply, or run down the batteries that supply the 12-volt current.

On a longer trip, when you have stayed where sewer connections and utility hookups were not available, it will be necessary for you to stop from time to time to dispose of the waste in the holding tank and replenish the water supply. Many gas stations (chain and individually owned) have installed sanitary dumping stations for just this purpose. Booklets are available that list these dumping stations.

When stopping for the night, your Airstream is built to be safely parked in any spot that is relatively level and where the ground is firm. Your facilities are with you. You are self-contained. Unless the tow vehicle is needed for transportation, it is not necessary to unhitch.

# General Information



## WARNING

At each campsite, make sure you have not parked in such a manner as to block the operation of the escape window by being too close to trees, fences, or other impediments. Scenic views are one reason for traveling, but don't park so the beautiful lake or steep cliff is just outside your escape window.

Choose the most level parking spot possible. Stabilizing jacks or blocks may not be required for an overnight stay. However, if you put the jack pad on the hitch jack and run the hitch jack down to take the weight off the tow vehicle's springs, it will provide some stability. If you must park on a slope, park facing downhill. It is easier to level the trailer this way.

All you need to do to enjoy the self-contained luxury of your Airstream is to turn on the LPG and light any appliance pilot lights.

Before moving on, check your campsite, both for cleanliness, and to be sure you have not left anything behind. Turn off the gas supply and make sure everything is properly stowed. Use your pre-travel check list and you are ready for more travel adventure.

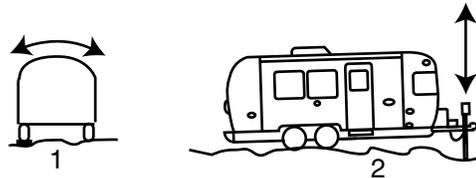
## Extended Stay

Making a long trip in your Airstream is not very different from making a weekend excursion. Since everything you need is right at hand, you are at home wherever you go. When packing for an extended trip, take everything you need, but only what you need.

When you plan to stay in the same place for several days, weeks, or months, you will want your trailer to be as level and steady as possible. Check the attitude with a small spirit level set on the inside work counter or the trailer hitch A-frame (see diagram that follows under Leveling). If a correction is necessary, you must level from side-to-side first. This can be done easily by backing the trailer up onto one or more 2 x 6 boards (see diagram that follows under Leveling). We do not recommend placing tires in a hole for leveling.

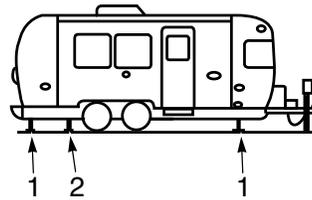
Level from front to rear by disconnecting the hitch from the tow vehicle, putting the jack pad under the hitch jack, and adjusting the jack up or down until the trailer is level. Block or chock the wheels to keep the trailer from rolling. Use stabilizing jacks at all four corners, as shown in the diagram, to eliminate the natural spring action of the axles.

## Leveling



1. Side-to-Side
2. Front-to-Rear

## Jack Locations



1. Stabilizing Jack Location
2. Lifting Jack Location



## WARNING

Stabilizing jacks should only be used to stabilize trailer. Do not use jacks to lift the trailer.



## WARNING

Whenever the trailer must be lifted with a jack, as when changing a tire or leveling on very rough terrain, always place the lifting jack under the main frame rail. A label is provided to indicate the proper position for the jack. Never use stabilizing jacks to lift the trailer.

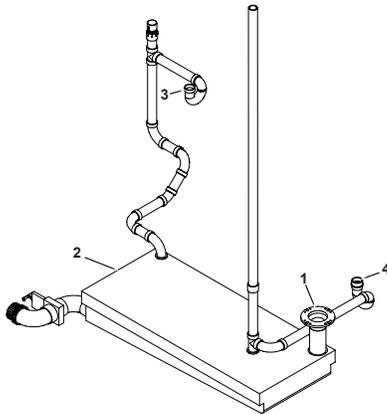
Refer to Section 8, page 8-7 for further information on jacking.

## City Water Hookup

Simply connect hose to your trailer's internally regulated (65 PSI) City Water Inlet and the source, open the valve, and you have pressurized faucets, toilet, and water heater. Open faucets to purge trapped air from the water system. Allow the water heater to fill before lighting. Refer to Plumbing in Section 5 - Interior for more information.

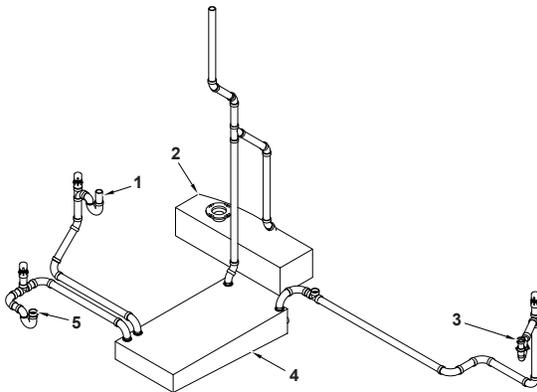
## Waste Water System

### 16ft. Model



1. Toilet Flange
2. Black/Grey Tank (Toilet)
3. Galley Drain
4. Shower Drain

### 22ft. Model



1. Lavatory Drain
2. Black Water Tank (Toilet)
3. Galley Drain
4. Gray Water Tank
5. Shower Drain

The main parts of the waste water system are the toilet, dual holding tanks, and tank dump valves (see Section 8 - Maintenance for dump valve information). The system is designed to provide complete self-contained toilet facilities, while on the road or parked, without being connected to a sewage line. It may also be used in the stationary position while connected to a sewage hose.

Keep the dump valves closed with either method and empty the tanks when they are nearly full. The idea is to send a large volume of water through the tanks and hose at the same time to float solids away.

After the sewage tank has been emptied, close the gate valves and put approximately 5 gallons of water in the sewage holding tank. This will help prevent solids from building up in the sewage holding tank. The addition of a deodorizing agent like Aqua-Kem® will help prevent odors.

Should you ever have a buildup of solids, close the valves, fill the tanks about 3/4 full with fresh water, drive a distance to agitate the solids, and drain the tanks.

### Things Not To Put Into Toilet Or Drains:

- Facial tissues (they do not dissolve like toilet paper).
- Automotive antifreeze, ammonia, alcohols, or acetone.
- Table scraps or other solids that may clog the drains.

### Shoreline Power Supply



The power cord hookup is located on the side of the trailer. The cord may be stored in the rear exterior compartment. The power cord is plugged into the trailer receptacle and the City Power Service.

### NOTE

**Use a minimum 10/3 cord with a maximum length of 25 ft.**

# General Information

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Many campgrounds provide less than 30-amp service, and your hookup may blow their fuse or circuit breaker. If this happens, reduce the load and replace the fuse or reset the breaker.

## Cable TV Inlet

The exterior inlet is located on the side or rear panel of the trailer and is labeled for your convenience.

## Winter Traveling

Traveling in sub-freezing temperatures will require certain precautions to protect the plumbing system and your personal belongings from being damaged by freezing.

Whenever possible, the heat should be kept set to a constant temperature. It is easier for the furnace to keep a constant room temperature than allow the trailer temperature to drop to 50°F, and then attempt to raise it to room temperature.

The furnace on Sport models is ducted to provide heat to the below floor water tanks and plumbing to prevent freezing.

## NOTE

**Drain and winterize all models if the water systems are not being used during winter traveling. Refer to Section 8 - Maintenance in this manual for winterizing instructions.**

Some states do not allow LPG to be turned on while moving. While traveling in these states, simply use your common sense. How cold is it? How long will it be before you can turn the heat back on? Is the temperature dropping or rising? Remember, when towing at 50 MPH, the wind chill factor will cause the interior of the trailer to cool much faster than a parked trailer.

When parked in sub-freezing temperatures, make sure to keep a full supply of LPG and plug into a 110-volt power source whenever possible. A fully-charged battery will not last more than 8 to 10 hours if the furnace is running almost constantly and 110-volt power is not available.

Leave cabinet doors, wardrobes, and bed doors partially open to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing lines and fixtures. Insulate and/or wrap your exterior water lines with heat tape.

## Effects Of Prolonged Occupancy

Your trailer was designed primarily for recreational use and short-term occupancy. If you expect to occupy the trailer for an extended period, be prepared to deal with condensation and the humid conditions that may be encountered.

Moisture can condense on the inside surfaces of the trailer during cold weather when relative humidity of the interior air is high. This condition is increased because the insulated walls of a recreation vehicle are much thinner than house walls. Also, the relatively small volume and tight, compact construction of modern recreational vehicles means the normal living activities of even a few occupants will lead to rapid moisture saturation. Estimates indicate a family of four can vaporize up to 3 gallons of water daily through breathing, cooking, bathing, and washing. Unless the water vapor is carried outside by ventilation or condensed by a dehumidifier, it will condense on the inside of the windows and walls as moisture, or in cold weather, as frost or ice. It may also condense out of sight, within the walls or the ceiling, where it will manifest itself as warped or stained panels.

Appearance of these conditions may indicate a serious problem. When you recognize the signs of excessive moisture and condensation in the trailer, action should be taken to minimize their effects.

## Tips To Control Condensation

Allow excess moisture to escape to the outside when:

- Bathing, washing dishes, hair drying, etc
- Laundering, and using appliances, and using non-vented gas burners
- Cooking (always use the stove vent hood)

Avoid dead air spaces by:

- Using a fan to keep air circulating.
- Leaving closet and cabinet doors partially open.

To help alleviate cold weather condensation:

- Keep the temperature as reasonably cool during cold weather as possible.
- Allow your trailer to breathe; do not make it airtight.
- Allow some warm air to be removed and some cool outside air in.
- Do not allow the furnace to recycle humid interior air; and provide reasonable ventilation.

In hot weather, starting the air conditioner early will help remove excess humidity from the air while lowering temperatures.

**NOTE**

**Your trailer is not designed, nor intended, for permanent housing. Use of this product for long-term or permanent occupancy may lead to premature deterioration of structure, interior finishes, fabrics, carpeting, and drapes. Damage or deterioration due to long-term occupancy may not be considered normal, and may, under the terms of the warranty, constitute misuse, abuse, or neglect, and may therefore reduce the warranty protection.**

**Molds**

Molds are microscopic organisms that naturally occur in virtually every environment, indoors and out. Outdoors, mold growth is important in the decomposition of plants. Indoors, mold growth is unfavorable. Left unchecked, molds break down natural materials such as wood products and fabrics. Protect your investment by understanding the potential risks mold imposes.

**Contributing Factors To Mold Growth**

For mold growth to occur, temperatures, indoor or outdoors, must be between 40° and 100°F, and must also have a source of moisture, such as humidity, standing water, damp materials, etc. Indoors, the most rapid growth occurs with warm and humid conditions.

**Inhibiting Mold Growth**

By controlling relative humidity, the growth of mold and mildew can be inhibited. In warm climates, use of the air conditioner will reduce the relative humidity. Vents are located in the bathing and cooking areas. Constant use of these vents is advised during food preparation and bathing, even during colder weather. Additionally, opening a window during these activities will assist in ventilation. In extremely humid conditions, the use of a dehumidifier can be helpful.\*

Frequent use of your trailer or cleaning regularly are important preventive measures. Additionally, any spills should be wiped up quickly and dried as soon as possible. Avoid leaving damp items lying about. On safe surfaces, use mold-or mildew-killing cleaning products. Check sealants regularly, and reseal when necessary to avoid water leaks. Proper preventive maintenance to the trailer and its accessories, as described both in this manual and in accompanying literature, will provide the best protection to the trailer.

For more information concerning controlling moisture in the trailer, read Tips to Control Condensation in this section.

**NOTE**

**If using a dehumidifier, please read and follow all manufacturer instructions and recommendations for the use and cleaning of the dehumidifier.**

**Safety**

As always, safety should be a top priority. Ensure you and everyone traveling with you can operate the main door and emergency exit window rapidly, without light. Contemplate other means of escape in case the designated exits are blocked.

The escape windows(s) are identified by their red release handles. Lift up on both latches to release the escape window. Push on the glass and it will swing clear.

**WARNING**

**The window operation should be checked before each trip and the latches lubricated with WD-40® or an equivalent lubricant every 6 months.**

**WARNING**

**Read the directions on the fire extinguisher carefully. If you have any doubts as to its operation, you and your family should practice, and then replace or recharge the extinguisher. Your local fire department will be able to assist you and answer any questions.**

**WARNING**

**Don't smoke in bed. Keep matches out of reach of small children. Don't clean with flammable material. Keep flammable material away from open flame. Always shut off the LPG gas at the bottles when fueling a tow vehicle.**

We have all heard the above warnings many times, yet the situations or occurrences they discuss are still among the leading causes of fires.

Safety information concerning the LPG system of your trailer is located in Section 6 - Exterior of this manual.

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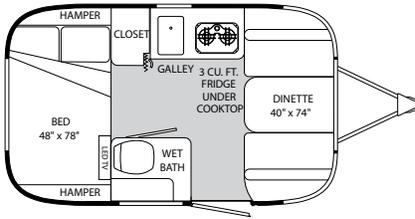
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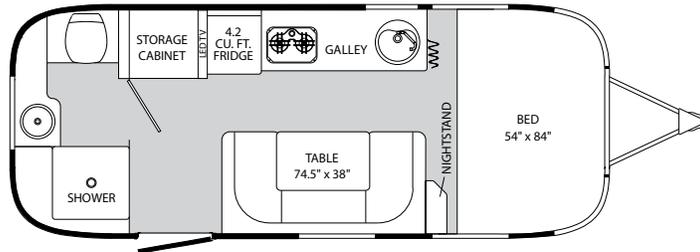
# Floor Plans And Specifications

## Floor Plans

### 16 Sport



### 22FB Sport



## Specifications

### Specification Chart

#### NOTE

All weights listed in the Specification Chart are checked and updated throughout the model year. Your production trailer may vary from weights listed.

Model	16'	16' csa	22' FB	22' FB csa
Length - Exterior	16' 4"	16' 4"	21' 8"	21' 8"
Width - Exterior	8'	8'	7' 3.25"	7' 3.25"
Width-Interior	7' 7"	7' 7"	6' 11.75"	6' 11.75"
Height-Ext. w/A/C	9' 3"	9' 3"	9' 3"	9' 3"
Height-Int. w/A/C	6' 4½"	6' 4½"	6' 3"	6' 3"
Hitch Ball Size	2 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>16</sub> "			
Hitch Weight (Dry, no options)	350	350	393	393
GVWR (lb)	3500	3500	4500	4500
UBW (lb)	2860	2860	3634	3634
NCC (lb)	640	640	866	866
Fresh Water (Gal)	23	23	20	20
Gray Water (Gal)	N/A	N/A	24	24
Black Water (Gal)	N/A	N/A	18	18
Aluminum Wheel Torque (Max) ft lb	110	110	110	110
Steel Wheel Torque (Max) ft lb	100	100	100	100



The Unit Base Weight (UBW) and Net Carrying Capacity (NCC) weights listed in the Specification Chart are for the base unit with no options and fluids.

Gross Vehicular Weight Rating (GVWR) is the maximum permissible weight of this trailer when fully loaded. It includes all weight at the trailer axle(s) and tongue or pin.

UBW is the dry weight of the base unit without options.

NCC is equal to GVWR minus UBW.

Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR), the value specified as the load-carrying capacity of a single axle system, as measured at the tire-ground interfaces.

## Specification Tags

For precise cargo capacity, refer to the Cargo-Carrying Capacity tag on the inside of the screen door. The **WEIGHT OF CARGO SHOULD NEVER EXCEED** numbers shown on the tag, which is the maximum weight of cargo you can load and carry in your specific trailer as built with its options.

Located on the front roadside of your trailer are the tire and loading, and vehicle manufacturing tags.

The Tire and Loading information tag lists the size and cold inflation pressure of the tires on your vehicle, the weight of your trailer as manufactured, and the GVWR.

The Vehicle Manufacturing tag lists the size of tires and wheel rims, maximum cold inflation pressures, the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), and GAWR.

## Measuring Hitch Ball Height

The proper height will vary according to the weight you carry and the tires you use. However, checking the height on your trailer is relatively easy:

1. With trailer parked on fairly level ground, measure from ground to bottom of frame, front and rear.
2. Adjust front jack until measurements are equal.
3. Now, measure from ground to the inside top of the ball coupler. This figure is the hitch height. The hitch ball is then usually set 1/2 to 1 in. higher, according to the spring rate of your tow vehicle, to allow for it to settle when the trailer is hitched up.

## Tire Size with Maximum Inflation Pressure Cold

- ST 215-75 R14 - 50 PSI
- ST 225-75 R15 - 65 PSI

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# Interior

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## General Information and Cleaning

The interior of all Airstream trailers has been designed for comfort, convenience, durability, and appearance. How you use it and how you take care of it, naturally, depends on you. However, if you learn to operate the interior components and take care of them and the trailer properly, this knowledge will add to your pleasure, as well as the long life of your trailer.

### Upholstery

Airstream recommends all fabric materials be professionally dry-cleaned.

#### NOTE

**Never remove cushion covers for separate dry cleaning or washing. Any tumble cleaning method can destroy the backing, and/or shrink or otherwise damage upholstery fabric.**



#### WARNING

**Keep your furniture and family safe from fires caused by careless smoking. Do not smoke when drowsy. Remove immediately any ash glowing or a lighted cigarette that falls onto furniture. Smoldering smoking material can cause upholstered furniture fires.**

### Interior Skin

Airstream recommends using Pledge® All-Purpose Cleaner to clean interior surfaces including the aluminum skin.

#### NOTE

**When washing or polishing your trailer, always wipe with the grain of the metal.**

### Draperies

#### NOTE

**All drapery materials and mattress covers must be professionally dry-cleaned.**

Remove the draperies by unsnapping them from the wall, removing a screw or pop rivet from the end of the curtain track, and sliding them out. The pop rivets are removed by drilling through the head with a 1/8 in. drill bit.

## Vinyl Covering

Damp-wiping with mild detergent will suffice for routine cleaning. The use of any automotive cleaners designed for vinyl car seats and dashes can provide a more thorough cleaning.

### Counter Area

The countertops are made of a high-pressure laminate and can be cleaned with soap and water, or you can use a common solvent on tough spots. Do not use abrasive cleaners since they could scratch the surface. A protective pad should always be used under hot utensils or pans.

### Sinks

Cleaning can be accomplished using a mild liquid detergent on a soft cloth. A complete homeowners' guide for your sinks is supplied in your owner's packet. Please read these instructions before use.

## Vinyl Flooring

### General Cleaning

Use a soft broom to sweep the floor. A vacuum cleaner may damage the flooring, especially the type that use beater bars. In most cases, a clean damp cloth or mop will suffice to clean dirty flooring. When necessary, a solution of mild detergent or domestic floor cleaning emulsion can be used to clean the flooring. Do not use a wire brush or nylon scouring pads, furniture polish, spirit-based polish, powder or liquid abrasive cleaners, bleach, or other strong detergents. Scuffs, dirt, and spillages should be cleaned up as soon as possible.

## Shower Stall

To clean your fiberglass shower stall unit, use warm water and one of the stronger liquid detergents. Do not use abrasive cleaners as they may scratch and dull the surface of your unit. Stubborn stains can be removed with solvents such as turpentine, paint thinner, or acetone. Restore dulled areas by rubbing with an automotive type liquid cleaner, then, put the soft glow back into your unit with a light application of liquid wax.



### CAUTION

**Applying wax to the base of the shower floor is not recommended, as this could create an unsafe surface.**

### NOTE

**The 22 ft. Front Bed model has a small access door cut into the front shower exterior wall to access and service the shower valve plumbing.**

## Telephone Shower Head

The telephone shower head is designed to give maximum flexibility in usage, and provides for water-saving techniques when using your trailer on self-containment. It can be held in the hand and moved about the body. Normally, the best water conservation procedure is to wet the entire body and then turn the water off. Apply soap, lather thoroughly, and then rinse the soap off. The telephone shower head is also used to fill the tub for taking a bath. When you have finished using the shower, make sure to shut the water off at the faucet.

## Retractable Clothesline

A retractable clothesline and line hook is installed for your convenience in the shower stall of the trailer.

## Lounge

On certain models, the sofa converts to a bed. Lift up the front of the seat and pull out. Below the bed is a large, upholstered, horizontal door that is opened by pulling straight out and hinging down. This exposes large plastic trays. This is a great place to store heavy items since it is low to the floor and in the front of the trailer.



### CAUTION

**To prevent possible injury, these bed legs must be lowered and locked into place after the top is pulled out and before putting weight on the bed.**

## Dinette

The dinette is made into a bed by raising up the front of the table and folding the table leg up against the bottom of the leaf. As the table is raised, it will unhook from the upper wall brackets. Once it is unhooked, it can be pulled out and the wall hinge will allow it to be lowered on the supports of the dinette seats. The backrests of the seats are placed over the table to complete the conversion.

## Dinette Table

To open the folding table, lift into a horizontal position and pull the table leg down toward the vertical position until it snaps into place. The leg is hinged at the front edge of the table and is held against the bottom of the table with Velcro. To extend into the double-leaf position, lift the table slightly so the leg clears the carpet, and slide the leg and center support out toward the center of the trailer. The leaf then unfolds and rests against the leg support. Airstream recommends that, during travel, the table be left in the upright position.

## Exhaust Fans

The Sport trailers are equipped with roof ventilators, either in the center of the ceiling, in the bathroom, or both locations.

The square fans are cranked opened. Round ventilators, used in some bathrooms, are opened by pushing straight up on the crossbar handle. The round switch can then be turned to engage the fan motor.

### NOTE

**The range exhaust cover on the outside of the trailer has a swinging door that can be latched during inclement weather and should be latched while in travel. When operating the exhaust fan, the latches should be turned so the door swings open when the fan is on.**

## Bath Area Remote Switches

Two remote switches for appliances are located on the bathroom wall. One is for the water pump and duplicates the pump switch on the central control panel. Either remote or central control pump switch may be used to turn the pump on or off at any time. The second remote switch, with a red indicator, is for lighting the water heater.

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## Ceiling Light/Directional Lighting

The ceiling light fixture has a push-button switch located on the fixture. Gently squeezing the lens in the middle and pulling down will remove the lens. During cold weather, it is a good idea to leave the light on a few minutes prior to removing the lens. The bed and lounge area has individually switched directional lighting.

A wall switch just inside the door controls ceiling, step, and patio lights. The individual ceiling lights must be on for the wall switch to work.

## Storage Tips

Kitchen cabinets should have the heaviest items stored on the bottom and lighter items overhead. After loading, put skillets and canned goods on the floor or bottom shelf, and cereals and crackers in the overhead roof locker. Use unbreakable-type plates and saucers, and consider storing your dish towels around them.

Clothes hung in wardrobes should be kept on hangers that snap over the clothes rods to keep them from bouncing off on rough roads. Evening dresses should be kept in plastic bags similar to those dry cleaning businesses use. Dust will work its way into the trailer and soil clothes. Try to avoid large bulky coats. Layers of lighter clothing will usually keep you warmer, are more versatile, and are easier to store.



### **WARNING**

**Keep flammable material away from the furnace.**

## Plumbing

### Water System (Self-Contained)

Fill the water tank by opening the exterior access door and remove screw cap. A garden hose can now be inserted. It is a good idea to let the water run through the hose for a short time to flush it out. Experienced RVers usually fill their tanks with “home” water to avoid strange water that may be distasteful to them. The amount of water in the tank may be checked on the Monitor Panel, or you may fill the tank until water overflows out of the fill.

Open the hot side of the galley or lavatory faucet and turn on the water pump switch located on the monitor panel. For some time, the open faucet will only sputter.

This is because the water heater is being filled and air is being pushed out through the lines. Once the water heater is full, a steady stream of water will flow from the faucet. Now, open a cold faucet. It will sputter for a short time, but will soon expel a steady stream. All other faucets can now be opened until all air is expelled. Once the system is filled with water and the faucets closed, the water pump will shut off. When a faucet is opened, the pump will come back on automatically. If the faucet is just barely open, it is normal for the pump to cycle on and off rapidly.

## Water Pump

The water pump switch (monitor panel mounted, see Appliances in this section) operates the pump. Once the switch is turned on, the pump will run until the water pressure reaches about 55 PSI. At this point, an internal pressure switch will shut it off. When a faucet is opened, the water pressure will drop and the pump will start to run again.

As a general rule, the water pump should be turned off while using a city water hookup; however, the water pressure at some campgrounds may be low. The water pump can be turned on to assist the city water hookup pressure. Be sure there is some water in the fresh water tank. The pump will only use the water that is needed out of the tank to bring the pressure up to the usual standard of 55 PSI.

Access to the water pump will be necessary for periodic cleaning of the strainer screen. Refer to Section 8 - Maintenance for water pump access and strainer screen removal.

## City Water Hookup

The city water hook-up is located on the side of the trailer. For consistent water flow and plumbing line safety, an inline regulator limits pressure to 65 PSI.



Use a tasteless, odorless, and non-toxic high-pressure hose of at least 1/2 in. diameter designed for RV use. The city water inlet is a standard garden hose thread. We suggest you carry two lengths of hose in order to reach hookups farther away than normal, plus, to have a spare.

After hooking up the hose and turning on the city water valve provided in the park, slowly open a faucet. There will be a lot of spurts and sputtering until all the air is expelled from the trailer system. If the water heater is empty, it will take some time before all the air is expelled and a steady flow of water occurs at the faucet. Once a steady flow is achieved at one faucet, the others should be opened long enough to expel the air in the lines going to them.

Your plumbing system has a built-in pressure regulator to protect your lines and faucets from extremely high pressures on some city water systems.

## Draining System

### Fresh Water Lines and Tanks

Fresh water drain valves consist of low point water line drain valves and fresh water tank drain valves. The valves are in-line-or petcock-type valves.

Refer to Section 8 - Maintenance for necessary drain valve locations and draining procedures of fresh water lines and tanks.

### Drain and Waste System

Your trailer has a drain and waste system that includes waste-holding tanks made from corrosion-free molded plastic, with trouble-free dump valves.

#### NOTE

**Never put wet strength paper towels or tissues in your holding tank since they will not dissolve and can catch in the mechanism of the dump valve. Colored toilet tissue is slower to dissolve than white. Most RV-accessory stores offer tissue designed for RVs that will completely dissolve.**

The main (Black Water) holding tank enables you to use the toilet for several days away from disposal facilities. The wastewater from the sink, shower, bath and lavatory drains into the auxiliary (Gray Water) holding tank.

Each tank has its own dump valve with both tanks draining through a common outlet. Therefore, only one sewer hose connection is needed when hooking up to a dump station.

Almost all campgrounds will have dumping facilities. Park directories, such as Woodalls and Rand McNally, also list dumping stations.

Refer to Section 8 - Maintenance for important information on Black and Gray Water tanks draining, cleaning, and rinsing procedures.

Check your monitor panel frequently (see Appliances in this section). When the Black Water holding tank is completely full, sewage cannot be emptied from the toilet bowl. If the Gray Water holding tank is overfilled, drain water will back up into the tub and cause an unpleasant cleaning job. Never drain the tanks at any place other than an approved dumping station.

### Deodorizers

There are many deodorizers on the market in tablet, liquid, and powder form. These not only combat odor, but also stimulate the bacteria that works to dissolve the solids in your tank.

### Toilet

The RV toilet in your Airstream is a design that has been used for many years. There are two pedals. The large pedal opens and closes the slide mechanism, and the smaller pedal opens and closes a water valve.

In normal use, when you are hooked up to city water, both pedals are depressed together. This dumps the sewage and fresh water and flushes down the side of the bowl. Water will continue to run into the bowl for a short time after the pedals are released.

When you wish to conserve water, hold the hand-spray head over the bowl and hold down the thumb-operated lever. When depressing the pedal, all the water is routed through the hand-spray.

#### NOTE

**When you dump the bowl of the toilet, make sure all paper and solids have cleared the slide mechanism before you allow it to close. Failure to do so can cause the groove for the slide to become jammed and the slide will no longer close completely.**

Please see the toilet owner's/user manual for warranty and user tips, and maintenance information.

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## Faucets

### Galley Faucet



Moen, Chateau Single-Handled Kitchen Faucet - Model 67425

For parts and warranty, contact Moen at 1-800-Buy Moen.

### Galley Faucet (22 ft. Model Only)



Smev/Dometic, Galley Faucet/Sink Combo - Model VA7306AC

For parts and warranty, contact Smev at (877) 898-7091

### Lavatory Faucet (22 ft. Model Only)



Ramco, Single-handled Lavatory Faucet - Model ML201-SN

For parts and Ramco support contact (800) 321-4819

## Faucet Cleaning and Care

All that is needed to clean your faucet is a soft, damp cloth. Moen does not recommend the use of scour pads, cleansers, or chemicals. The abrasive nature of these substances could damage the faucet's finish. A non-abrasive car wax will help to protect the finish.

## Electrical

### Battery/12-Volt System Information

The major portion of electrical power in your Airstream is 12-volt. The 12-volt current powers all gas appliances for controls and/or ignition as well as lighting. An exception would be the range which has its own ignition source.

All 12-volt current comes through the battery system in the front of your trailer. The batteries are accessible in the battery box on the A-frame of your trailer. Power from the batteries goes to a set of four Type 2 thermal breakers located under the front bed and riveted to the inside skin front plate. The breakers are tied together by a brass bus bar. One breaker (30-amp) protects the 12-volt tow vehicle charge line coming from the 7-way cord. Another breaker (20-amp) feeds the trailer brakes breakaway switch located near the hitch coupler. A 50-amp breaker feeds the battery disconnect relay. The current leaves the relay and travels to the 12-volt distribution panel, located in the converter, and then to the rest of the trailer. Open the brown decorative door on the front of the converter under the dinette to access the panel and its fuses. A 12-volt layout diagram is shown in Section 8 - Maintenance.

If you replace a blown fuse and it immediately blows again, do not replace the fuse again until a qualified service technician can correct the problem.

If the replacement fuse holds for a week or more and the gap in the fusible metal is barely melted apart, this usually indicates an overload condition. Reducing the number of lights or appliances used on that particular circuit at the same time could prevent any further fuse failure.

Refer to Section 8 - Maintenance for important battery maintenance information.

## Battery Disconnect Switch

The battery disconnect switch is used to separate the batteries from the 12-volt distribution panel and converter charging system.



When the switch is turned to ON and the trailer is plugged into a 110-volt shoreline, the 12-volt distribution panel will receive power from the converter and the batteries will be charged through the converter charging system.

When the switch is turned to OFF and the trailer is plugged into a 110-volt shoreline, the 12-volt distribution panel will still receive power from the converter, but the batteries are disconnected from the system. The batteries will not be drained with the switch in the OFF position. The converter will not charge the batteries with the switch in this position.

The charge in the 12-volt batteries is replenished, when towing, from the tow vehicle alternator through the 7-way cord. This charge will flow to the batteries regardless of the battery disconnect switch position. Likewise, if on or off, the solar panel is still charging the batteries.

## Power Center (Converter, 12 Volt/110 Volt Distribution)

Manufacturer: Cheng USA, Inc.

2021 Aeroplex Drive North

Elkhart, IN 46514

Phone: (574) 294-8997

Fax: (574) 294-8698

The converter/charging system is the interior low voltage electrical system that enables you to use the interior lights, fans, pumps, and 12-volt appliances, whether operating on self-contained battery power or 120-volt city power. The 12-volt light bulbs give off the same light as regular household bulbs, so that when operating on self-contained battery power, everything works normally except the 110-volt convenience outlets and 110-volt appliances. The converter system is designed to maintain constant output voltages regardless of the variances that occur in city power systems.

## 12-Volt Power Circuits

The current in the converter system is 12 volts direct current (12 VDC) negative grounded. Power sources that supply 12 VDC current to the system are as follows:

- Main charge line from tow vehicle
- Trailer batteries
- Converter

The power sources listed above are all electrically connected to the 12-volt distribution fuse panel that distributes current to interior branch circuits. The circuits provide power to operate all 12-volt DC lights, pumps, motors, and appliances.

Power converter is a solid-state electronic power supply and is maintenance-free. It is so self-sufficient and quiet that you will probably not know it is working except for the fact that your batteries are always charged, and your 12-volt lights and appliances always work.

If any 12-volt appliance fails to operate, first check your 12-volt distribution fuse block, located behind the decorative front door in the front right-hand corner of the converter, and inspect all fuses. If a fuse is opened or blown, replace it with the same size fuse (never install a larger use). If the fuse opens again, have an electrician or certified RV technician locate the circuit trouble. Replace blown fuses only with the same type and amperage size previously used.

If the power converter is not working, first confirm the RV supply or shoreline cord is plugged in to a live circuit. Then check all the 120-volt breakers in your RV distribution panel to make sure they are on. If the breaker is tripped, follow instructions to reset the breakers. If the breaker trips again, consult an electrician or certified RV technician.

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## Converter Operation

The electronic power converter is designed to supply the nominal 12-volt-filtered DC power for all 12-volt-operated devices encountered in RV service. Although the converter is an excellent battery charger, the converter does not require a battery to be connected to it for proper operation.

### NOTE

**When installing a battery (ies), always observe polarity. Connecting a battery in reverse polarity will blow the power converter main fuses located on the 12-volt DC distribution fuse block.**

## 120-Volt AC Panel Board

The AC panel board section of the power converter is located behind the decorative door in the upper left-hand corner. This panel contains the 120 VAC branch circuit breakers for your RV. One of the breakers controls the 120-volt power to the 12-volt converter section located in the lower half of the power converter. This breaker may also control another branch circuit. Check the label next to each breaker for what each branch circuit breaker controls.

The 120-volt circuits may be turned on by setting their breaker handle up to the ON position, or off by setting the handle down to the OFF position. To reset the tripped breaker, move the handle to OFF then ON.

## Fuses and Breakers

### Breakers

The WF-8955AN ULTRA Distribution Panel w/55 Amp Power Converter was designed to use a 30 AMP main breaker with branch circuits (Cutler-Hammer and SIEMENS are recommended breakers). Double breakers may be used for the branch circuits. Should a breaker become faulty replace with the same type breaker as provided by the GEM. Use only approved circuit breakers and 12V fuses. IMPORTANT: When replacing circuit breakers replace with the same type and rating as the original.

### AC Breaker Manufacturer

1. Main Circuit Breaker-Listed, rated 120VAC, maximum 30 A Cutler-Hammer: Type BR and C. T&B: Type TB. Siemens/ITE: Type: QP. Square D: Type: HOM
2. Branch Circuit Breaker-Listed, rated 120VAC, maximum 20 A Cutler Hammer: Type BR and C, or BRD BD and A. T &B: Type: TBBD or TB. ITE/Siemens: Type QT or QP. Square D: Type HOM or HOMT

## 12 VDC Fuses

Each 12 VDC circuit in the WFCO Distribution panel was designed for a maximum of a 20 amp automotive style fuse. Should one need to be replaced, be sure to replace it with the same type and Amp rating as originally supplied by the Airstream. Replacing it with either a higher or lower Amp fuse could result in the panel not functioning properly.

Each 12VDC circuit of the WFCO Distribution panel is provided with a LED indicator light. Should the fuse "blow" or an open be caused, the LED will light up indicating which circuit is open and which fuse needs to be replaced.

**REVERSE Polarity Fuses.** The WF-8955AN is equipped with reverse polarity fuses, Should these fuses "blow" either during the manufacturing process or while connecting the battery, replace with the same type and rating fuse as originally provided with the equipment.

The WF-8955 AN Series is not weather resistant nor designed for installation in wet locations. The WF-8955AN Series must be protected from direct contact with water.

## Automatic Microcontroller Operation

The WFCO series of 3-stage switch mode power converter are fully automatic. The converter senses which mode it needs to be in by checking the condition of the battery. The three modes include:

**Absorption Mode:** During this mode the converter output is at 13.6 VDC range. This is the mode that the converter will function at normally. This mode provides the 12 VDC and the current required by the trailer.

**Bulk Mode:** When the converter senses that the battery voltage is less than 13.2 VDC the converter will automatically go into the Bulk Mode.

**Float Mode:** If the RV is not being used for a period of time and the shore power has been left plugged in, the converter will automatically go into float mode. The converter senses if there has been any demand. If there is no activity for a period, the converter will automatically go into float mode. When the converter senses a demand by turning on lights, the converter automatically goes into bulk mode and returns to absorption mode.

## 12-Volt and 110-Volt/30 Amp Circuit Diagrams

Refer to Section 8 - Maintenance for 12-volt and 110-volt/30 amp circuit diagrams.

### TV Antenna

Manufacturer: Winegard Company  
 3000 Kirkwood Street  
 Burlington, IA 52601  
 Phone: (800) 843-4741



#### Raised/Operating Position

Turn elevating crank in the UP direction until some resistance to turning is noted. Antenna is now in operating position. Check to make sure switch on front TV jack is ON.

#### Lowered/Travel Position

Rotate antenna until pointer on directional handle aligns with pointer on ceiling plate.



#### Rotating Antenna

Make sure antenna is in the UP position. Pull down on directional handle with both hands until it disengages ceiling plate, and then rotate for best picture and sound on television set.



#### CAUTION

**Antenna must be in the DOWN position while traveling to prevent damage.**

Turn elevating crank in the DOWN direction until resistance is noted. Antenna is now locked in travel position.

### Safety Considerations

The following safety considerations will help prevent damage to antenna or other property:

- Check parking location for obstructions before raising antenna.
- Carefully raise, lower, and rotate; if difficult, check for cause.
- Do not force elevating crank up or down. Check for cause of trouble.
- Do not rotate directional handle hard against stops.
- Do not travel with lift in up position.
- Do not leave lift part-way up or down.
- Do not apply sealing compound or paint over top of base plate or anywhere on lift.

### Checking Reception

Perform the following for best signal reception:

1. Tune TV receiver to nearest station and rotate antenna for best picture and sound.
2. Turn off switch on power supply. Picture on TV receiver should be considerably degraded with the power off.

### TV Booster/12-Volt Outlet

The TV booster amplifies the signal from the TV antenna. Pushing the booster button switch activates and deactivates the booster. A green light comes on when the booster is activated. For viewing while hooked up to an exterior cable TV source, turn the booster off.

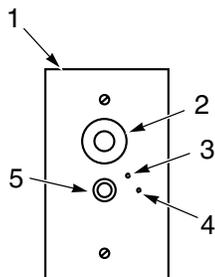
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## NOTE

**The TV booster must be on to receive antenna signals and off for cable/satellite TV operation.**

Review the antenna and booster manuals included in your owner's packet before operating the system.



1. TV/12-Volt Outlet Plate
2. 12-Volt Outlet
3. Light
4. Booster Switch
5. TV Cable Outlet

A 12-volt port, two RCA jack cords, and a plug-in are provided with the Audio/Video Package. These are used for an Apple® iPod or MP3 player input. Use the SOURCE button on the radio to access the auxiliary port into which the iPod or MP3 player is plugged.

## Solar Panel (Optional)

Airstream utilizes the Ameresco Solar solar panel and the Sun Explorer Charger Controller/Display System. Manuals on their use are included with the Airstream owner's packet.

Manufacturer: Ameresco Solar (Solar Panel)

42191 Zero Dr.

Temecula, CA 92563

Phone: (866) 263-7372

www.ameresosolar.com

Manufacturer: Atkinson Electronics Inc. (Controller/Display System)

14 W. Vine St.

Murray, UT 84107

Phone: (801) 261-3600

www.atkinsonelectronics.com

Refer to Section 8 - Maintenance for Solar Panel Pre-Wire diagram and information.

## 110-Volt Electrical System

### City Power

When your trailer is hooked up to 110-volt AC, the converter system automatically charges the trailer batteries with the battery disconnect switch in the USE (on) position and, if the 7-way cord is hooked up, your tow vehicle battery as well. The speed and degree of charge depends on how much power is used for lights and appliances, as only the surplus goes to charging the battery. If you are making an extended stay, then you should keep your trailer hooked up to a 110-volt current if it is available.

While you are connected to the 110-volt receptacle, the wiring is protected by circuit breakers in the breaker panel. The circuit breaker panel for the 110-volt system is located in the converter. Open the brown decorative converter door under the dinette. In the event of a failure of a 110-volt circuit, first check your trailer circuit breakers and the breaker for the outlet into which your trailer shoreline cord is plugged. If a breaker continues to trip after you have reset it several times, your circuit may be overloaded with appliances or there may be a short in the circuit. Try lessening the load on the circuit. Perhaps an electric griddle, hair dryer, or an electric heater can be turned off. If that does not solve the problem, consult an Airstream Service Center.

The 110-volt electrical system provides power to operate the air conditioner, converter, and 110-volt receptacles for portable appliances. The power is carded through the 110-volt city power flexible cord to the 110-volt distribution panel, and then is distributed to each appliance or receptacle. Exterior outlets for 110-volts are located on the curbside exterior wall between the wheels and above the wheel well.

All wire, components, and wiring methods conform to federal and state requirements.

## Converter

The Airstream converter system enables you to use the 12-volt lights and equipment whether operating on self-contained battery power or hooked up to 110-volt city power. The 12-volt light bulbs give off the same light as regular household bulbs, so that when operating on self-contained battery power, everything works normally except the 110-volt convenience outlets and 110-volt appliances.

### NOTE

**When operating with city power, make very certain that the service is 110-volt and not 220-volt.**

The converter system is a transformer designed to maintain constant output voltages regardless of the variances that occur in city power systems. The design eliminates the need for complex electronic sensing systems to charge the batteries, minimizing the possibility of failures and greatly increasing its overall reliability.

In some older parks and other locations where three-pronged outlets are not available, certain precautions to ensure proper grounding and polarity must be taken. These precautions are listed below:

1. Attach the three-pronged plug to a two-pronged adapter. The third conductor line of this adapter has a short wire lead, that must be grounded.
2. For proper grounding, connect the short ground lead to a grounded outlet box or to a cold water pipe. When no water pipe is available, drive a metal rod two feet into the ground and attach the ground lug to it, thus, providing the unit with proper grounding.

### NOTE

**When the three-pronged plug can be used, there will be no problems with proper polarity or grounding with a properly wired shoreline outlet.**

To operate self-contained, simply disconnect the power supply cable.

## Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI)

Most states require trailers with exterior 110-volt receptacles and receptacles close to a water sources, such as a faucet, to have a ground fault-circuit interrupter. When properly installed, the GFCI circuit breaker provides reliable overload and short-circuit protection, plus protection from ground faults that might result from contact with a **HOT** load wire and ground.



### WARNING

**The GFCI circuit breaker will NOT reduce shock hazard if contact is made between a HOT load wire and a neutral wire or two HOT load wires.**

Each GFCI circuit breaker is calibrated to trip with a ground current of 5 milliamperes or more. Since most people can feel as little as 2 milliamperes, a distinct shock may be felt if the need for protection exists. However, the shock should be of such short duration that the effects would be reduced to less than the normally dangerous level. However, persons with acute heart problems or other conditions that can make a person particularly susceptible to electric shock may still be seriously injured.

While the GFCI circuit breaker affords a high degree of protection, there is no substitute for the knowledge that electricity can be dangerous when carelessly handled or used without reasonable caution.



### WARNING

**The GFCI circuit breaker provides protection only to the circuit to which it is connected. It does NOT provide protection to any other circuit.**

GFCI(s) are proven lifesavers; however, consumers need to take a few minutes each month to perform this simple test. By taking action, you can help protect your family from the risk of electric shock.

## GFCI Receptacle



To properly test GFCI receptacles:

1. Push the Reset button located on the GFCI receptacle first to assure normal GFCI operation.
2. Plug a device, such as a night light, with an ON/OFF switch into the GFCI receptacle and turn the product to the ON position.
3. Push the Test button located on the GFCI receptacle. The device should turn off.
4. Push the Reset button, again. The device should come on again.

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If the device remains on when the Test button is pushed, the GFCI is not working properly or has been incorrectly installed (wired wrong). If your GFCI is not working properly, call a qualified, certified electrician who can assess the situation, rewire the GFCI if necessary, or replace the unit.

Use the following chart for recording GFCI breaker and Receptacle tests.

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## Appliances

All appliances are delivered to Airstream Inc. with in-depth owner's manuals. Those manuals are included in the delivery case supplied by your dealer. The manuals may contain warnings, cautions, and operating instruction that should be read and followed before operating the appliances.

The information contained in the appliances manuals supersedes any information contained in the Airstream Trailer Owner's Manual on appliances. If you believe contradictory information on appliances is contained in this manual, please contact the Airstream Customer Service Department at 937-596-6111 or write:

Airstream Factory Service Center  
P.O. Box 629  
419 W. Pike Street  
Jackson Center, OH 45334-0629  
(937) 596-6111

If any appliance manual(s) have not been provided with your trailer, contact your dealer or the respective appliance manufacturer, or Airstream Customer Service. Information will be provided to you.



### WARNING

**For additional Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) safety and warning information, refer to Section 2 - Safety and Section 6 - Exterior of this manual.**

### Maintenance

Follow the instructions and warnings noted in the respective appliance and equipment owner's manuals, as well as those mentioned below.

Annual maintenance should be conducted on propane gas appliances and equipment by an authorized dealer or repair facility.

Insects can build nests in the burners of various appliances and equipment. The burner and burner orifice of the propane gas appliances and equipment should be cleaned by an authorized dealer or repair facility any time circumstances or conditions warrant, but no less than on an annual basis.



### WARNING

**Most LPG appliances used in recreational vehicles are vented to the outside of the vehicle. When parked close to a gasoline pump, it is possible that gasoline fumes could enter this type of appliance and ignite from the burner flame, CAUSING A FIRE OR AN EXPLOSION.**

### NOTE

**Airstream recommends shutting off the gas supply at the LPG tanks before refueling the tow vehicle or entering a refueling station.**

### Thermostat (Heat Only)

Follow the instructions provided in your owner's packet for operation of the thermostat.



## Air Conditioner

Manufacturer: Dometic Sales Corporation  
2320 Industrial Parkway  
P.O. Box 490  
Elkhart, IN 46514  
Phone: (800) 544-4881

### NOTE

**Review the air conditioning literature supplied in your owner's packet before proceeding.**

The roof air conditioner used on Airstream trailers is one of the most popular on the market today. In your owner's packet is a set of literature covering all operating and maintenance instructions. If the literature is misplaced, contact the air conditioner manufacturer or your Airstream dealer for replacement.

Proper voltage to the air conditioner is critical. A voltmeter check may find voltage much lower at a campground shoreline outlet than the needed 110 to 120 volts. Your air conditioner may not function if the current drops below 105 volts. Low voltage is usually associated with older or poorly maintained trailer parks. Many trailers, built only twenty or thirty years ago, may not have air conditioners capable of operating on some receptacles. Parking your trailer so the power cord can be plugged in to a receptacle close to the fuse or circuit breaker box can alleviate low voltage problems. Avoid extension cords and adapters whenever possible. If an extension cord must be used, it should be as short and heavy as possible to provide the most current.

If high temperatures are expected, make an effort to park in a shaded area. Starting the air conditioner early in the morning also helps. It is more efficient to hold a comfortable temperature than it is to lower the temperature after the interior of the trailer is already hot.

## Furnace

Manufacturer: Atwood-Hydro Flame Corporation  
1120 N. Main St.  
Elkhart, IN 46514  
Phone: (800) 825-4328 (US or Canada)

The manufacturer of the furnace in your trailer has been well known in the RV industry for many years. The furnace burns LP gas, and is powered by 12-volt current from the batteries or power converter when plugged in to city power. Operating instructions are located in your owner's packet. If they should become misplaced, new literature can be ordered directly from the manufacturer or your Airstream dealer. The manufacturer also offers a detailed service guide for your furnace.



### WARNING

**Carefully read all the manufacturer's instructions prior to operating. NEVER store flammable material next to the furnace or in close proximity to the furnace exhaust outlet on the side if the trailer.**

### NOTE

**If warranty service is required, use only a service location recommended by the furnace manufacturer or your Airstream dealer.**

## Range

Manufacturer: Smev/Dometic Corp.  
509 S. Poplar St.  
LaGrange, IN 46761  
Phone: (877) 898-7091 (US or Canada)

There is little difference between the operation of home gas ranges and the trailer's range. If, however, you are used to an electric range, operating confidence can be quickly gained by reading the manufacturer's directions provided in the owner's packet. Manufacturer's service and parts manuals are also available.



### WARNING

**The operation manual for the range is titled RV Cooking Appliances. If this has not been provided with your trailer, contact the listed manufacturer to obtain. Their manual contains specialized warnings and cautions that should be reviewed prior to operating the appliance.**

## Microwave Ovens

Refer to the Certified Performance Checkout sheet, included in your owner's packet, for manufacturer, model, and serial number information.

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## Refrigerator

Manufacturer: Dometic Sales Corporation

2320 Industrial Parkway

P.O. Box 490

Elkhart, IN 46515

Phone: (800) 544-4881

Review all refrigerator literature supplied in your owner's packet or stored in the refrigerator prior to operating it.

In an absorption refrigerant system, ammonia is liquefied in the finned condenser coil at the top-rear of the refrigerator. The liquid ammonia then flows into the evaporator (inside the freezer section) and is exposed to a circulating flow of hydrogen gas, which causes the ammonia to evaporate, creating a cold condition in the freezer.

The tubing in the evaporator section is specifically sloped to provide a continuous movement of liquid ammonia, flowing downward by gravity, through this section. If the refrigerator is operated out-of-level when the vehicle is not moving, liquid ammonia will accumulate in portions of the evaporator tubing. This will slow the circulation of hydrogen and ammonia gas, or in severe cases, completely block it, resulting in a loss of cooling.

Any time the vehicle is parked for several hours with the refrigerator operating, the vehicle should be leveled to prevent this loss of cooling. The vehicle needs to be leveled only so it is comfortable to live in (no noticeable sloping of floor or walls).

When the vehicle is moving, the leveling is not critical, as the rolling and pitching movement of the vehicle will pass to either side of level, keeping the liquid ammonia from accumulating in the evaporator tubing.

## Operation

The refrigerator requires 12-V current to operate, even if running on LP or 110-V modes. The 12-V is used to power the circuit board that directs the refrigerator functions. When running in a mode such as LP, it means the heat source, by far the largest power requirement to evaporate the ammonia, is being provided by an LPG burner.

All models are equipped with a fan inside the exterior refrigerator compartment. This fan pulls ambient temperature air across the condensation coils on the back side of the refrigerator to aid in the cooling. The fan operation is automatic and built into the fan assembly. The fan is thermostatically controlled. The fan increases the cooling efficiency of the refrigerator.

## Water Heater

Manufacturer: Atwood

6320 Kelly Willis Rd.

Greenbriar, TN 37073

Phone: (615) 643-4556

### NOTE

**Review the water heater literature supplied in your owner's packet before proceeding.**



### WARNING

**Hydrogen gas can be produced in a hot water system served by this heater if it has not been used for a long period of time (generally 2 weeks or more). Hydrogen gas is extremely flammable. To reduce the risk of injury under these conditions, it is recommended that the hot water faucet be opened for several minutes at the galley sink before using any electrical appliance connected to the hot water system. If hydrogen is present, there will probably be an unusual sound heard such as air escaping through the pipe as the water begins to flow. Do not smoke or allow an open flame near the faucet at the time it is open.**

## Electronic Ignition



The switch used to light your electronic ignition water heater is located above the galley sink. When the switch is turned on, the red light will come on, indicating ignition mode. Normally, the burner will ignite in just a few seconds, and the light will go out. If your LPG system has not been used for some time, the system may go into safety lockout (about 20 seconds) before the air is all expelled from the lines. Turning the switch off for 30 seconds and then back on reinstates the ignition mode.

### Safety

If your water system is full and cold, and the water heater is ignited, the system can see pressures as high as 120 PSI before the relief valve starts to open. Since the water system normally operates in the 40-PSI range, the expanding water does put unusual stress on the system. This normally does not cause any problems, but the stress is easily alleviated. As the water is heating, simply open any faucet and run as little as a cup of water. Removing this small amount of water will reduce the pressure buildup significantly.

For fun, watch the sequence of events your family goes through when you park the trailer and ignite the water heater. More than likely, someone will run water and relieve the pressure without even realizing it.

## High Volume Roof Vent



The optional high-volume roof vent system is designed to quickly exhaust stale, hot air and draw in fresh air. It is great to use when the outside temperature does not call for air conditioning, but heat has built up in your coach.

### Operation

1. Open dome approximately 3 in. or more (ceiling fan has a built-in safety switch that will not allow motor to operate unless dome is partially open).
2. Turn 3-speed knob to desired performance level (3-Low, 2-Medium, 1-High, O-Off).
3. Open window(s) or door for airflow.

The source of airflow is determined by the number of window(s) or door opened. For best results, close all roof vents and open one window that is the greatest distance from the ceiling fan.

### NOTE

**Never cover the ceiling fans. This will greatly restrict airflow and increase sound levels.**

### When Thermostat Equipped

1. Follow the previous operation steps one through three.
2. Select desired temperature or comfort level on thermostat. Fan motor will now start and stop automatically as interior temperature of coach exceeds or drops below selected level.

### NOTE

**Fan motor will not start if temperature selected is warmer than interior temperature of coach.**

### Cleaning Instructions

1. Turn fan motor off.
2. Remove eight painted flat head Phillips screws around perimeter of screen insert only.
3. Clean screen with soap and water solution, dab dry with a soft cloth, and reinstall.

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## SeeLevel II Monitor Panel

SeeLevel II Tank Monitor

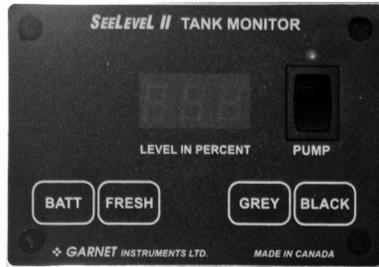
Manufacturer: Garnet Technologies Ltd.

201 M&M Ranch Rd.

Granbury, TX 76049

877-668-7813

www.sales@rvgauge.com



The display is the only system component that is accessed by the user. All user input to the display is done using the five buttons along the bottom of the display.

The display receives the information from the three sender panels via a single, two-conductor wire, and displays the level information in percent of full on a three-digit, LED display. When the front panel button for a particular tank is pressed, the display powers up and displays the level for that tank. If the button is pressed and released, the display will show the level for about 5 seconds and then shut down automatically. If another button is pressed before the display shuts down, then the new level will immediately be shown. If the same button is pressed twice, the display will hold on that tank and continue to show updated levels for 5 minutes before shutting off. This allows the user to monitor the filling or draining of the tank. By pressing two buttons at once, the diagnostic functions can be accessed.

Sender panels are installed and stuck to the sides of the holding tank. Sender panels can be cut to match the height of the tank, it also auto calibrates itself so it can read from empty to full. The sender scans the water level through the tank wall using digital techniques programmed into the sender microprocessor.

### To Read a Water or Sewer Tank Level

1. Press the button corresponding to the tank to be checked and release it, the display will show the levels in percent on the LED display. If no other button is pressed, then the display shuts off after about 5 seconds.

2. If another button (including BAT) is pressed before the 5 second time is up for the first button, the display will immediately switch to show the new level or voltage. The 5 second time-out is restarted every time a button is pressed.
3. To continuously display a reading, press and release the desired button, and then press the same button a second time. When the button is released, the display will be on hold mode, which is indicated by the decimal point on the right hand side turning on. While the display is in the hold mode it will recheck the level once per second so the user can watch the level change while the tank is being filled or drained. The display will automatically shut off after 5 minutes in hold mode. To end the hold mode before the 5 minutes is up, press any tank button, and the display will shut off.

### To Read the Battery Voltage

1. Press the BAT button and release it, the display will show the battery voltage on the LED display.
2. If no other button is pressed, then the display will shut down after about 5 seconds. If the BATTERY button is held down, the display will continuously recheck the voltage and show the updated value. The reading may flicker back and forth between two values.
3. If another button is pressed before the 5 second time is up for the BATTERY button, the display will immediately switch to show the value for the new button. The 5 second time-out is restarted every time a button is pressed.
4. There is no hold mode for the battery voltage.

### To Program the LED Brightness

1. The display needs to enter the brightness programming mode. To do this, press and hold the BATT button; the display will show the battery voltage.
2. While continuing to hold the BATT button, press and hold the GREY button. Continue to hold both buttons for approximately 5 seconds until the display show "bri" to indicate the brightness programming mode. When this occurs, release both buttons.
3. Press the GREY tank button to increase brightness, or the FRESH tank button to decrease brightness.
4. When the display shows correct brightness, press the BATT button to exit the programming mode.

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## Cleaning

### Exterior Skin

We recommend the trailer be washed about every four weeks, and waxed with Walbernize Super Seal or high quality clearcoat-safe wax in the spring and fall. In coastal and industrial areas, cleaning and waxing should be done more frequently. When traveling through winter weather, all road treatment chemicals should be removed immediately.

#### NOTE

**Abrasive polishes or cleaning solvents such as automatic dishwasher or acid etch cleaners are too strong and should never be used. Rinse all grit from surface prior to washing. Use soft rags or wash mitts, always moving lengthwise with the grain of the trailer (washing or polishing). Never rub hard on the coating. Even the softest rag will damage the coating if excessive pressure is applied.**

#### NOTE

**Always clean your trailer in the shade or on a cloudy day when the aluminum skin is cool.**

Oil, grease, dust, and dirt may be removed by washing skin with any mild non-abrasive soap or detergent. Cleaning should be followed by a thorough clean water rinse. Drying the unit with a chamois or a soft cloth may prevent spots and streaks.

After cleaning and drying, a good grade of non-abrasive automotive paste or liquid wax will increase the life of the finish, especially in coastal areas where the finish is exposed to salt air, or in polluted industrial areas. It will also protect the shell from minor scratches and make subsequent cleaning easier.

It is important to remove substances such as sap, gum, resin, and asphalt as soon as possible by washing and waxing. Sunlight and time will bake-harden these materials, making them almost impossible to remove without heavy buffing. If asphalt remains on the trailer after washing, use a small amount of kerosene on a rag and wipe the spots individually, being careful not to scratch the finish.

If a substance is found on the coating that cannot be removed by normal washing procedures, Airstream recommends using DX 330 Acryli-Clean, made by PPG Industries. Follow all directions and warnings on the product container.

Acryli-Clean should be used by trained personnel only, using the proper equipment under controlled conditions. Use the Acryli-Clean as sparingly as possible to remove glue, tar, and other similar substance.

To keep your trailer looking new, periodically paint the A-frame, LPG tanks, and rear frame.

It is recommended that the caulking and sealant used in external seams and joints, such as end-shell segments and around window frames, light bezels, beltline, and rub rail molding, etc., be checked once a year. If this material has dried and become cracked or checked, or if a portion has fallen out, it should be replaced with fresh material to prevent possible rain leaks. Caulking and sealing products are available from your Airstream dealer.

### Windows

Clean your trailer windows the same way you clean the windows in your home. Clean the seals with a damp cloth and mild detergent every three to six months. Do not use strong solvents, as they will damage the seals. A coat of natural silicone lubricant applied after the seal has dried will keep it flexible. Spread the lubricant evenly with a brush or finger, working it into the surface. This is a good practice for all rubber seals in your trailer.



#### WARNING

**Failure to properly clean and lubricate the window seals could result in the window sticking to the jamb. Window seals that become stuck to the window jamb should be released by a qualified technician trained in the procedure. Do not force, pry, or apply great pressure to open the window. Failure to heed this warning may cause the window to shatter and/or cause personal injury.**

For replacement of a damaged window, contact an Airstream Service Center.

### Aluminum Wheels

The aluminum wheels and axle end cover come treated with a clear coating. Keep them looking good by washing with soap and water. Do not use abrasive cleaners or polishes on coated aluminum wheels.

## General Information and Operation

### Step



To operate the step, lift up on the front of the step and pull straight out until step locks into place.



### CAUTION

**Once the steps are lowered, press down on them to make sure they are secure in their notches. Never travel with step lowered or extended.**

### Main Door

The main door of the trailer is manufactured with a built-in, keyed dead bolt and door lock. The door lock is engaged from the inside by a lever and the dead bolt is engaged by turning the knob.

A main door hold-back is mounted on the trailer's exterior side skin. The hold-back secures the door to the side of the trailer. When opening the door, push it gently into the spring-operated slide. To release the door, slide the hold-back bolt back.

For lubrication and out-of-adjustment issues, refer to Section 8 - Maintenance.



### CAUTION

**When towing, the door lock and dead bolt must be secured. If it is not locked, the constant vibration of travel may cause the door to open resulting in possible damage.**

### Screen Door

The screen door is secured to the main door by a slide bolt-type latch. It can be operated independently by releasing the slide bolt and swinging the screen door away from the main door.

### Emergency Escape Windows

Emergency escape window is released by two red release handles found at the bottom half of the window. Once the window is unlatched, push out for clearance and escape.

### Front End Protection

#### Window Stone Guards

Stone guards may be provided for added protection on the front windows. To open the guard, unhook the two rubber T-handles on the bottom of the guard, raise the stone guard to the desired height, and tighten the thumb screws on each support arm. Be sure to lower and fasten the guard when high winds may be approaching and before travel.

#### Wrap Protectors

The front end of the trailer exterior shell is equipped with a 3-M film protective covering the lower corner wraps. The 3-M film provides added protection on the shell from road damage.

### Awning

Complete operating instructions have been provided with your Zip Dee awning. Make sure your traveling companion is familiar with the operation of the awning.

The awning's primary function is sun protection. It is not water proof, therefore, roll up your awning in case of heavy rain, wind, or snow. To prevent water buildup on the awning during a light rain, position one upper arm lower than the other to create enough of a slope for adequate water runoff.

A clear tape is placed between the exterior skin and the awning fabric to prevent the awning fabric from rubbing on the coating, thus wearing through it. Inspect the tape every year or after a long trip. Have it replaced if it begins to wear thin.

### NOTE

**If wind or extended periods of rain are expected, roll up the awning and secure in traveling position.**



### CAUTION

**The effects of wind and rain on any awning are unpredictable. Severe damage to the vehicle and/or the awning may result and cannot be covered by warranty.**

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## Exterior Shower

Certain units are equipped with an exterior shower. This shower consists of a shower hose, shower head, and water valve inside of a lockable exterior door. Water is supplied by the pump or city water hookup.

## Axle and Running Gear Assembly

Each rubber torsion axle is aligned during manufacturing, and double-checked on a random basis. Alignment after delivery is the customer's responsibility.

Hitting chuck holes or rough railroad tracks while traveling straight will only cause misalignment after the tire has struck such objects many times. Of course, a deep enough hole can affect the alignment immediately.

The worst culprit is a curb because they are normally struck at an angle. Rear axles are occasionally damaged when people are attempting to park beside a curb while backing up their trailer.

The trailer axle(s) is bent upward in the middle. This bend is normal and is how the camber is obtained. Also, toe-in is built into the axle by very slight bends in the axle tube on each end.

Tire wear indicates misalignment. Check with your dealer for the nearest location with the proper equipment to correct the trailer's alignment.

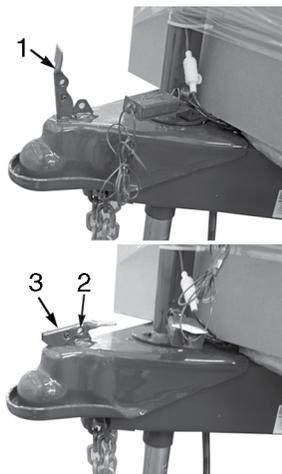
Refer to Section 8 - Maintenance for camber and toe-in specifications.

## Chassis

### Hitch Ball Height

The RECOMMENDED HITCH BALL HEIGHT for the Airstream Sport is listed in the specification section of this manual. If you plan long trips with the trailer heavily loaded, you should check your trailer, after loading, to determine the optimum height. To check, park the trailer on a level surface and crank the front jack up or down until the measurement from the frame to the ground is the same front and rear. Measure from the ground to the upper surface of the hitch ball coupler. Add one inch to this figure when setting the ball height on the tow vehicle to allow for the suspension settling under the added weight.

## Hitch/Coupler



1. Open Position
2. Padlock Insert Hole
3. Closed Position

### Operating Instructions

1. To open - slide forward and pull up to open latch before inserting ball.
2. Place coupler on ball of same diameter as coupler and of same or greater capacity.
3. When ball is completely nested in socket, push top of latch handle rearward until handle snaps into closed position. Extend jack to ground and lift tow vehicle/trailer combination 2 to 4 in. to ensure coupler is securely attached to tow ball. Retract jack before towing.
4. Insert padlock through hole in handle for theft-prevention purposes.



### WARNING

Always open latch handle before inserting ball into coupler.

### NOTE

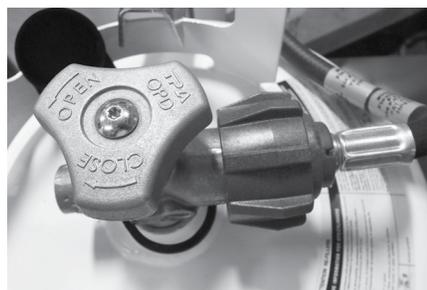
Refer to Section 2 - Safety and Section 5 - Interior for additional LPG warnings and safety information.

## Fill Valve

### Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)

The LPG tanks are equipped with fill valve connections **RV Type I Acme**. The large, green, nylon swivel nut is a right-hand thread and is designed for hand operation only.

The valve features an internal spring-loaded module that will not allow gas to flow from the cylinder until a positive seal has been made at the connection. The valve outlet has 1-5/16 in. Acme threads on the outlet exterior, and female Prest-O-Lite; left-handed threads on its interior. This feature allows for connection of the new, wrenchless, right-handed, Acme RV connection while still accommodating the standard left-handed POL fittings used for filling propane cylinders.



The mating, green swivel nut and brass nipple also incorporate new features: the green nylon nut swivels on a black bushing that is heat-sensitive. Between 240 and 300°F, the bushing will yield (melt), allowing the spring-loaded module in the valve to push the brass nipple back (approximately 1/4 in.), closing the module and stopping the flow of gas from the cylinder. Inside the brass nipple is a flow-limiting device designed to sense excessive gas flow. If an excessive flow is sensed, the flow-limiting device shuts the flow down to a maximum of 10 SCFH (Standard Cubic Feet per Hour) or less. This is also referred to as the bypass flow.

Bypass flow is extremely important in the proper operation of this connection. The flow-limiting device may activate if the cylinder valve is opened quickly. When all appliances are off, the bypass flow allows the pressure downstream from the flow-limiting device to equalize. When pressure is equalized, the flow-limiting device will supply normal flow to the system. Equalization occurs in approximately 5 seconds and, in most cases, goes completely unnoticed. If, however,

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an appliance is left on or there is a leak or open flow in the system, the bypass pressure will not be able to equalize and allow the flow-limiting device to reopen. Symptoms of this condition would be appliances that light but have lower than normal flame or starve from lack of gas, a substantial reduction in the flame when another appliance is operating, or pilots that are difficult to light. If this should happen, the following steps should eliminate the condition:

1. Close LPG cylinder valve.\*
2. Extinguish all flames and smoking materials.
3. Be sure all gas appliances, including their pilot lights, are off.\*
4. Open LPG cylinder valve slowly. Do not snap open.
5. Wait at least 15 seconds before lighting appliances.
6. If operational difficulties continue, there may be a leak in the system. Immediately close the LPG cylinder valve and have the system inspected by a qualified RV service technician.

\*When reconnecting a full cylinder to an auto changeover regulator, it is not necessary to shut off the appliances or close the valve of the cylinder already in service.



## WARNING

**Leaking LPG may ignite, causing a fire or explosion, which could result in serious bodily injury, property damage, and/or death.**

The amount of time a full tank of gas will last is dependent on usage. In cold weather when you are using the furnace, large amounts of hot water, and are doing extensive cooking, you will naturally use more gas than you will in warm weather when you may do limited cooking. On the average, with normal cooking and other appliance use, you can probably count on two to three weeks of service from each tank.

### Automatic Gas Regulator



All models are equipped with a two-stage automatic change-over gas regulator that offers the convenience of automatic changeover from empty to full gas cylinders. Both tanks are connected to this regulator.

Make sure there is propane in both tanks before you start. Rotate the white knob on the top-front side of the regulator toward the cylinder you want to use first. This will be the **service** cylinder and the other will be the **reserve** cylinder. Slowly open both cylinder valves. Open both cylinder valves completely, then close about 1/4 turn. This will allow you to easily check to see if valves are open or closed. The indicator on top of the regulator will turn bright green. The indicator will stay bright green as long as there is fuel coming from the service cylinder. When the service cylinder empties, the regulator will automatically draw fuel from the reserve cylinder, providing an uninterrupted fuel flow to the system. When it switches over, the indicator will change from green to red. This red color indicates the service cylinder is empty and needs to be filled.



## WARNING

**LPG regulators must always be installed with the diaphragm vent facing down. Regulators that are not located in compartments have been equipped with a protective cover. Make sure the regulator vent faces down and the cover is kept in place to minimize vent blockage, which could result in excessive gas pressure, causing fire or explosion.**

### LPG Tanks

The following procedure outlines the proper method of removing and installing LPG bottles:

1. Turn the knob on your automatic regulator until the arrow points to the tank opposite the one to be removed. Shut off the gas valve on the tank to be removed.
2. Disconnect the rubber gas line at the tank to be removed. (The green plastic fitting is a right-hand thread and no tools should be used.)
3. Turn the large clamping T-handle counterclockwise until the hold-down bracket is loosened enough to be able to remove the tank. If your trailer is equipped with a gas tank cover, you must remove the T-handle and then the cover before removing the bottle.



## WARNING

**Do not remove the center hold-down rod.**

## LPG Tank Installation:

1. Place the tanks in position on the A-frame and tank cross-member so that it rests on the upper collar of both tanks with the collar rims engaged in the grooves on the underside of the bracket. If your trailer is equipped with a tank cover, it should be positioned over the tanks next. Make sure the hold-down rod projects up through the hole in the shroud center bracket.
2. Replace the T-handle and tighten down until the tanks are held firmly in place.
3. Test fittings with liquid soap free of ammonia or chlorine, or products deigned for testing, such as Snoop® liquid leak detector.

If you have allowed both tanks to run out, air may have gotten into the lines. In this event, the air must be forced out through the lines by gas pressure before you will be able to light the pilots. Hold a match to the pilot of the appliance closest to the tanks until it lights and stays lit. Then move to the next-closest appliance, etc.

**WARNING**

Your LPG tanks must be filled as directed by the tank manufacturer. Instructions are located on a decal near the fill valve. The decal must not be defaced.

**WARNING**

The LPG tanks are securely mounted on the front A-frame of your trailer. If these tanks must be removed for service or replacement, it is important that they be reinstalled correctly in order to prevent any possibility of their falling off or becoming dislodged during travel.

Use only the LPG tanks furnished with your trailer. If replacement is required, it must be a bottle of the same size and design.

## Basic Rules For LPG Safety

**WARNING**

Do not store LPG tanks within a vehicle. LPG tanks are equipped with safety devices that vent gas should the pressure become excessive.

**WARNING**

Do not use cooking appliances for comfort heating. Cooking appliances need fresh air for safe operation. Before operation, open an overhead vent or turn on an exhaust fan and open a window.

A warning label is displayed in the cooking area reminding you to provide an adequate supply of fresh air for combustion. The amount of oxygen supply in a trailer is limited due to its compact design. When using the cooking appliances, proper ventilation will prevent dangers of asphyxiation. It is especially important that cooking appliances not be used for comfort heating as the danger of asphyxiation is greater when the appliance is used for long periods of time.

**WARNING**

Portable fuel burning equipment, including wood and charcoal grills and stoves, shall not be used inside the recreational vehicle. The use of this equipment inside the recreational vehicle may cause fires or asphyxiation.

**WARNING**

A warning label has been located near the LPG container. This label reads: DO NOT FILL CONTAINER(S) TO MORE THAN 80 PERCENT OF CAPACITY. Overfilling the LPG container can result in uncontrolled gas flow, which can cause fire or explosion. A properly filled container will contain approximately 80 percent of its volume as LPG.

# Exterior

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## WARNING

Do not bring or store LPG tanks, gasoline, or other flammable liquids inside the vehicle because a fire or explosion may result.

Twice a year, or after a long storage period, we suggest you take your unit in for a checkup and cleaning of the gas-operated appliances.



## WARNING

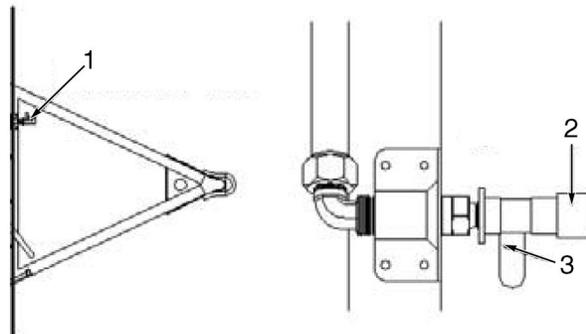
If You Smell Gas:

1. Extinguish any open flames, pilot lights, and all smoking materials.
2. Do not touch electrical switches.
3. Shut off the gas supply at the tank valve(s) or gas supply connection.
4. Open doors and other ventilating openings.
5. Leave the area until odor clears.
6. Have the gas system checked and leakage source corrected before using again.

### Exterior LPG Port

An exterior LPG port quick-connect may be installed on the hitch A-frame of your trailer. An LPG supply line is shipped with the trailer in the loose parts box. This can be used to connect a lantern or other appliance that uses a one-pound, low pressure LPG tank supply to the exterior port.

To assemble, install a male quick-connect coupler to one end of the supply hose. Then add a flare fitting to the other end of the supply hose and install a one-pound tank coupler to the flare fitting. This assembly can be installed into the appliance in place of the one pound LPG tank.



1. Exterior LPG Port
2. Quick-Connect Sleeve
3. Shutoff Lever

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## Tow Vehicle

When buying a new vehicle to tow your trailer, we suggest including towing options offered by most tow vehicle manufacturers. These include such things as a heavy-duty alternator and radiator, heavy-duty springs and shock absorbers, transmission cooler, heavy-duty fan and flasher unit, etc., for the make of the vehicle.



### **WARNING**

**Springs that are too stiff can hinder the action of the weight equalizing hitch and prevent the transfer of weight to the front of the vehicle.**

### **NOTE**

**Only use springs heavy enough to support your loaded vehicle (not including trailer). Having a too harsh spring rate on your tow vehicle will only shorten the life of the tow vehicle and trailer, and will cause your trips to be less enjoyable.**

Transmissions may be manual or automatic, but an automatic transmission may prolong your tow vehicle's life and generally does a better job of controlling engine loads than does the average driver using a manual shift.

Having adequate power is very important when considering the purchase of a new vehicle or the trailer-towing capability of your present one. Auto dealers are provided with guidelines to use when helping a customer decide on a tow vehicle. Guidelines are not determined solely by the power output of the engine. The gear ratio of the differential is also a very important part of the guideline.

Inspect the tow vehicle's hitch regularly for loose bolts or nuts, cracked welds, loose ball mounts, worn parts, etc.

New trailerists often carry more food and other supplies than really needed. Remember that every item you take along is one more thing to stow and adds weight to the total load you must pull. Consolidate items in shelves, lockers, and in the refrigerator. It is better to have one full and one empty locker, than two half empty ones. Special care must be taken not to overload the front and rear ends of the trailer.

## Brakes

All trailers are equipped with Dexter Nev-R-Adjust brakes. Please follow all maintenance procedures in the Dexter user's manual provided in the owner's packet.

### **Electronic Brake Controller**

The trailer brakes are operated by 12-volt current from your tow vehicle and must be hooked up so you have an integral system with your tow vehicle brakes. To prevent problems and ensure satisfactory braking action, install an electronic controller in line with the brakes in your tow vehicle.

An electronic controller will synchronize the trailer brakes with your tow vehicle brakes. It is designed to apply the trailer brakes with your tow vehicle brakes. Your brake controller should be adjusted to provide for a slight lead of the trailer brakes over the tow vehicle brakes.

### **NOTE**

**Study all material provided with your particular brake control. If you do not understand the information, have the installer explain the information to you or call the manufacturer of the controller.**

### **Proper Electric Brakes Use**



### **WARNING**

**Never use your tow vehicle or trailer brakes alone to stop the combined load.**

Proper synchronization of tow vehicle to trailer braking can only be accomplished by road testing. Brake lockup, grab, or harshness is quite often due to lack of synchronization between the tow vehicle and the trailer being towed, a too-high threshold voltage (over 2 volts), or under-adjusted brakes.



### **WARNING**

**The braking system should be checked and serviced by qualified, certified technicians only. Failure to do so could result in loss of control of your vehicle or the trailer, causing damage to property, injury, and/or death.**

## Breakaway Switch

In the event of an accidental separation of the tow vehicle and the trailer, the breakaway switch will set and lock the trailer brakes for a sufficient length of time to stop the trailer. The switch is activated when the wire attached to it and to the tow vehicle pulls out the small pin in the front of the unit.

When the trailer is connected to the tow vehicle, the breakaway switch loop should be attached to the permanent frame of your hitch. When disconnecting the trailer from the tow vehicle, remove the wire loop from the frame. Do not remove the pin from the switch because this will apply the trailer brakes.



### WARNING

**Do not use the breakaway switch as a parking brake. If the battery should go dead, the trailer parking brake would no longer be applied. Failure to comply could cause damage to property, injury, and/or death.**

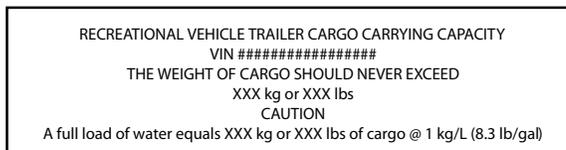
## Loading

When towing a trailer, you are subject to new and different challenges on the highway than you may have previously encountered. Towing a trailer is no small responsibility and should be undertaken with great care and safety first in mind. An accident with a tow vehicle and trailer can have much greater consequences than carelessness with a small car. Like an airline pilot who is responsible for expensive equipment and many lives, you should take your responsibilities as a tow vehicle driver very seriously and learn all you can about doing the job safely and well. Balancing the load and preparing the trailer and tow vehicle are critical to safe handling.

One of the most critical aspects of safely towing a trailer is knowing the weights involved and where they are placed. The first thing to determine is how much is being towed and confirming that it is within the capacities of the equipment being used. Determining where the load is placed is critical to the way your rig will handle on the road.

Know what your trailer weighs loaded. Load your trailer including water, propane, etc and take it to a public scales. Weigh each axle of your vehicle. Refer to your axle weight and tire limits to see if you are within a safe range. Total all axle weights, ensuring you are below the GVWR.

Make sure your load is balanced. Do not load too much on one side. A balanced load is much easier to tow or drive. Front to back balance is also important. Step back and look at your trailer, making sure that there is not too much weight on the hitch, or on the rear of the trailer. Secure all items, as loose items can cause damage and become a safety issue. The Cargo Carrying Capacity tag shown below is installed on every trailer and can be found on the inside of the screen door on your trailer.



Airstream weighs the vehicle as finished to arrive at the vehicle's weight. That number is subtracted from the GVWR of the trailer and listed under THE WEIGHT OF CARGO SHOULD NEVER EXCEED on the tag. The total weight of any and all cargo, including dealer modifications or additions, water, and propane should never exceed the number listed.

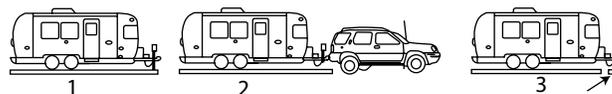
When loading the trailer, keep the following in mind:

- GVWR
- GAWR
- Tire Weight Rating
- Cargo

Never exceed these ratings. Your safety depends on not overloading the trailer, trailer axles, and tires. Refer to Section 4 - Floor Plan and Specifications for rating list.

## Weighing Your Trailer

The illustration below shows how to weigh the trailer on scales.



1. Trailer's total weight, cannot exceed GVWR.
2. Trailer's weight on axles cannot exceed GAWR.
3. Weight on trailer tongue.

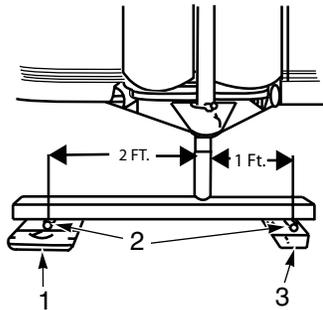
To determine that the GAWR is not exceeded, it is necessary to load all of your allowable personal cargo and variable weights. Then hitch the trailer to the tow vehicle with load equalizing hitch properly adjusted.

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Chock wheels and place the trailer on a scale with both axles only on the scale (see illustration). If the weight on the axles exceeds the axle system's GAWR, then some of the personal cargo must be redistributed forward in order to place some of this weight on the tongue.

The tongue weight should be 10 to 15% of the trailer's total weight, and must not exceed the tow vehicle's or the hitch's maximum weight rating. To determine tongue load, unhitch tow vehicle and place the tongue hitch post on a scale. The trailer must be properly loaded as determined above, with your allowable personal cargo and variable weights.

Use a scale, such as a bathroom scale, that has a lower weight limit than your tongue load to check the tongue weight by using the following method (see illustration).



1. Bathroom Scale
2. Pipe
3. Wood Support

Place a piece of wood of approximately the same thickness as the bathroom scales on the ground in line with the trailer hitch jack as shown. It should be so spaced that a short piece of pipe or other round piece will lay exactly one foot from the centerline of the jack extension.

Place the scales so that another round piece can be exactly two feet from the centerline of the jack extension in the other direction. Place a 4 x 4 piece of wood on the two round pieces and screw the jack extension down on the top of the 4 x 4 until the tongue of the trailer is supported by it. Multiply the scale reading by three. This will be the tongue weight of your trailer. If you exceed the capacity of the bathroom scales, increase the two-foot dimension to three or four more feet, but always multiply the scale reading by the total number of feet between the wood and scales.

## NOTE

**Be sure trailer is level when reading scales.**

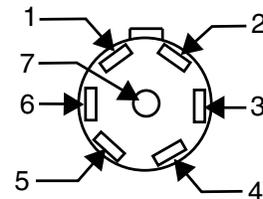
## Hitching Up

The process of hitching up your trailer is something that will become almost second nature with practice. The following section includes proper hitch load distribution. Proper training on connecting your trailer to a tow vehicle is essential for safety. Please see your dealer or other qualified personnel for instruction on the proper hitching of your trailer. Safety chain use on the hitch is required in all states.

## 7-Way Plug

## NOTE

**The 7-Way Plug is spliced to the main harness in the area of the 12-volt distribution panel in front of the trailer.**



1. Black, 12-Volt (+)
2. Green, Clearance Lights/Taillights
3. Red, Left Turn/Stop
4. White, 12-Volt (-)
5. Blue, Brake
6. Brown, Right Turn/Stop
7. Blank

## Equalizing Hitch Load Distribution

When a trailer is properly hitched up to a tow vehicle with a load equalizing hitch, approximately 1/3 of the trailer's tongue weight will be on the trailer's axles and 2/3 will be transferred to the tow vehicle. One third of this weight transfer will be carried by the front wheels and 1/3 by the rear wheels of the tow vehicle (See illustration). Thus, the tire load of each wheel on the tow vehicle will be increased by 1/6 of the trailer's tongue weight. The tire air pressure of the tow vehicle should be increased to compensate for this additional weight. Refer to the vehicle's owner's manual for this information.

**WARNING**

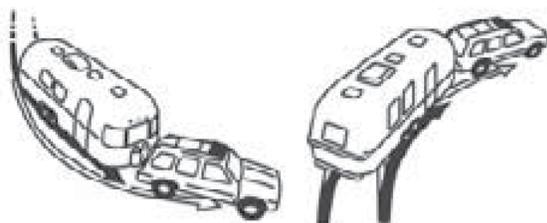
The tongue weight should be approximately 10 to 15% of the trailer's total weight, but must not exceed 1,000 lb. Under no condition should it exceed the hitch rating. Your hitch installer should provide your hitch rating information.

**Towing Tips and Information**

We want every Airstream owner to be a safe and courteous driver. A few hours of towing practice in a large, empty parking lot will make pulling your trailer over the road much easier. Mark off two corners of the parking lot for left and right turns. These corners may also be used to practice backing and parking.

**Tracking Observation**

Observe that the tracks made by the trailer wheels are distinctly different from those made by the tow vehicle. Studying this will make it easier for you to correct mistakes.

**General Information****NOTE**

Truck or trailer type fender, door grip, and rear view mirrors are a must for maximum visibility and required by law in most states.

After thoroughly inspecting your hitch, brakes, and tires, you should be ready to tow. Check traffic, signal when you are about to pull away, and start slowly. Look often in your mirrors, and observe the action of the trailer, then carefully move into the proper lane of traffic. Remember that the trailer wheels will not follow the path of the tow vehicle wheels; therefore, wider turns are necessary when turning to the left or to the right.

**Cooling System Overload**

When towing, you might encounter a temporary cooling system overload during severe conditions, such as:

- hot days when pulling on a long grade
- when slowing down after higher speed driving
- driving with long, idle periods in traffic jams

If the tow vehicle's temperature gauge or indicator light indicates overheating, and the air conditioner is on, turn it off, pull over in a safe place, and apply the emergency brake. Increase the engine idle speed. Lift the engine hood and check for fluid leaks at the radiator overflow outlet. Ensure all drive belts are intact and the radiator fan is turning. If you have a problem, have it fixed at the next opportunity. If there is no problem, the light should go off, or temperature should come down within one minute. Proceed on the highway a little slower, and resume normal driving after 10 minutes.

**WARNING**

Never open a radiator cap when the tow vehicle is hot. Check the coolant level when the vehicle is cool.

**Downhill and Non-level Driving**

When going downhill in dry weather, downshift so engine compression will slow the whole rig down. Take dips and depressions in the road slowly and do not resume normal driving speeds until you are sure that the trailer wheels are clear of the dip.

**WARNING**

On slippery pavement, do not use engine drag to help slow down as this may cause the rear wheels of the tow vehicle to skid. On icy pavement, drive slowly and, if you feel the tow vehicle skidding, gently apply the trailer brakes only. This will bring the tow vehicle and trailer back into a single line. Chains do not help trailer wheels.

**Off-Road Towing**

When driving in mud and sand, let the momentum carry the rig through. Apply power gently and use as little as possible. Stay in the tracks of the vehicle ahead and keep the tow vehicle in the highest possible gear. If you get stuck, it is best to tow out the entire rig together without unhitching.

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## When Being Passed

Despite the best hitch, you will notice that whenever a large bus or truck overtakes your rig, the displaced air first pushes the trailer rear slightly to the right and then affects the front. It may be necessary to steer very slightly, momentarily, toward the bus or truck to help compensate for the sway induced by the passing vehicle. Do not apply the vehicle brakes, as this can tend to exaggerate the situation. You may find, however, that briefly applying the trailer brakes with your manual control will help eliminate sway.

On a two-lane road, cars may line up behind you because you travel at a lower speed. It is both courteous and sensible, if you are able, to signal, pull onto the shoulder, and let them pass. Your trailer is designed to be towed easily at any legal speed, so if you are not careful, you may be inclined to forget it is there.

## Passing

On freeways or expressways, pick the lane you want and try to stay in it. Always maintain plenty of space between you and the car ahead, at least the length of the tow vehicle plus trailer, for every ten miles per hour. Remember that in order to pass another vehicle, you will need longer to accelerate. You must also allow for the length of the trailer when returning to the right hand lane.

## Backing Up

When backing up, the important thing to remember is to do everything slowly and to immediately correct if you see the trailer turning the wrong way. Concentrate on the rear of the trailer. With your tow vehicle and trailer in a straight line, back up slowly and turn the bottom of the steering wheel in the direction you want the trailer to go. Watch out of the window or in the mirror until the rear of the trailer is pointing in the desired direction. Your tow vehicle will be following the trailer in an arc. Straighten the tow vehicle and trailer by turning the steering wheel more sharply, and then, when they are in line, straighten the steering wheel.

Always try to back to your left because the visibility is much better. When you don't make it on the first try, it is usually much easier to pull forward to your original position and start over, or at least pull forward until the rig is straight, and then start backing.

If your spouse or traveling companion normally directs you when backing, they should position themselves forward of the tow vehicle so the driver can easily see them. Their directions should always indicate to the

driver the direction the rear of the trailer should go. A little practice in a parking lot with the person giving directions can save a lot of frustration when backing into a campsite.

## Stopped On a Hill

Refer to the following warning if stopped on a hill for a prolonged period of time.



### **WARNING**

**Chock the trailer wheels when stopping on a hill or slope. Leaving your tow vehicle in gear is not enough for standstill safety. Do not use trailer brakes as parking brakes.**

## Controlling Sway or Fishtailing

Sway or fishtailing is the sideways action of a trailer caused by external forces. It is common for travel trailers to sway in response to strong winds, crosswinds, when passed by or passing a semi-tractor and trailer, or driving downhill.



### **WARNING**

**Excessive sway or fishtailing of your travel trailer can lead to the rollover of the trailer and tow vehicle. Serious injury or death can occur. It is important that you read and understand the information in this section.**

Sway or fishtailing of your recreation vehicle can be controlled and is primarily impacted by four factors:

- Equipment
- Tongue Weight
- Driving
- Corrective Measures

### *Equipment:*

When hitched together, the trailer and the tow vehicle must be level. The tires of both the trailer and tow vehicle should be in good condition and properly inflated to their recommended pressures.

Braking is a very important factor in vehicle control. Refer to Brakes (and Electronic Brake Controller) in this section.

We recommend a friction sway damper or hitch with built-in sway control be provided for your unit. Please consult your dealer regarding this equipment. Also, refer to Sway Control Device in this section for more information.

*Tongue weight:*

Refer to Weighing Your Trailer and, Equalizing Hitch Load Distribution in this section.

*Driving:*

This is the most important component. The tendency for the vehicle to sway increases with speed, therefore, obey all speed limits and reduce speed during inclement weather or windy conditions.

*Corrective Measures:*

If sway occurs, the following techniques should be used:

1. Slow down immediately; remove your foot from the accelerator. Avoid using the tow vehicle brakes unless there is a danger of collision. Reduce speed gradually whenever possible. If you can do so safely, use the brake hand controller to gently and progressively apply the trailer brakes. This will help to keep the vehicles aligned. Practice using the brake hand controller on a deserted parking lot. Do not wait until an emergency occurs before using it. Location of the brake hand controller is important and should be made easily accessible.
2. Steer as little as possible while maintaining control of the vehicle. Because of natural reaction lag time, quick steering movements to counter trailer sway will actually cause increased sway and loss of control. Keep both hands on the wheel. Hold the wheel as straight as possible until stability is regained.
3. Once the swaying is under control, stop as soon as possible. Check tire pressures, cargo weight distribution, and look for any signs of mechanical failure. Travel at reduced speeds that permit full control until the problem can be identified and corrected.

**WARNING**

**Do not jam on the brakes or attempt to press on the accelerator to speed your way out of the fishtailing.**

**Both actions make the situation worse and could cause severe injury or death.**

**Sway Control Device**

Although Airstream has not intruded into the hitch manufacturer's field of expertise and performed formal testing, we find the vast majority of Airstream owners purchase sway-control devices.

When passed by large trucks or when exposed to sudden crosswinds, the trailer will be pushed and this action will be felt in the tow vehicle. It is our understanding that the sway control device will reduce the amount of movement, make towing more comfortable, and add some safety. Follow the directions of the sway control manufacturer when having the device installed and when using it.

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# Maintenance

## Maintenance Schedule



### WARNING

Failure to maintain your trailer can cause premature and unexpected parts breakage and/or erratic operation that may be hazardous.

### NOTE

See appliance manufacturer's literature for further information.

Every 1,000 miles or 60 days	
Escape Window	Check operation of latches and upper hinge.
Battery*	Check water level, lead acid only.
Smoke Alarm	Test and replace battery as required.
Tires	Check tire pressure (See Specifications).
Hitch	Check for loose bolts or unusual wear.
GFI Circuit Breaker	Test and record.

\* As a battery ages and becomes less efficient, the water level should be checked more often and replenished only with distilled water. Checking water level does not apply to Glass Mat Batteries.

Every 5,000 miles or 90 days	
Exterior Door Locks	Lubricate with dry graphite.
Exterior Hinges	Lubricate with light household oil.
LPG Hold-Down	Lubricate with light household oil.
LPG Regulator	Check bottom vent for obstructions.
Main Door Striker Pocket	Coat with paraffin/grease.
Wheel Lug Nuts	See Specification Chart in this manual for wheel torque ratings.
Breakaway Switch	Pull pin and lubricate with household oil. (See further instructions in this section.)
7-Way Plug	Spray with contact cleaner.

Every 5,000 miles or 90 days	
Hitch Ball Latch	Lubricate with non-detergent motor oil.
Hitch Ball	Lubricate with hitch ball lube or wheel bearing grease.
Range Exhaust Hood	Clean fan blades and wash filter.
Roof Vent Elevator Screws	Lubricate with light household oil.
Main Door Step	Lubricate and inspect moving parts.

Every 10,000 miles or 6 months	
Brakes	Inspect or replace as necessary.
Wheel Bearings	Clean and repack (Units less than 25 ft. only).
Tires	Inspect and rotate.
Spare Tire Carrier	Lubricate moving parts.
Windows, and Door Seals	Clean with mild detergent and coat with "Slipicone."
TV Antenna	Lubricate all moving parts with silicone.
Exterior	Wax.
Escape Window	Lubricate latches with WD-40 or light household oil.

Every year	
Battery	Clean, neutralize, and coat terminals with petroleum jelly.
A-frame, Step	Wire brush and paint frame at front and rear.
LPG Tanks	Have purged by LPG supplier.
Seams	Check and reseal exterior seams, windows, lights, and vents as needed.
Hitch Coupler and Ball	Ensure all parts operate freely. Replace any component if worn or damaged.

## Suggested Maintenance and Replacement Parts

(Part numbers listed are Airstream part numbers and can be ordered by calling a certified Airstream dealer.)



### WARNING

**Always replace the bulb or light fixture with the correct bulb for that light or matching fixture. Failure to heed this warning could cause fire, property damage, personal injury, or death.**

Exterior 12-Volt Lighting	
License Plate LED	PN – 512455 (replacement bracket required)
Amber LED Clearance Light	PN – 512226
Red LED Clearance Light	PN – 512227
Step Light LED	PN – 512252
Convenience Light (Dump Valve)	PN – 512533
<b>NOTE: Most Exterior Lighting is LED and a replacement fixture will be required.</b>	

Interior 12-Volt Lighting	
Light, 12V Single (with switch)	PN – 512243
Light, 12V Single Shower	PN – 511410
Surface Mount Ceiling Light (with switch)	PN – 512462
<b>NOTE: Replacement bulbs use 1156 incandescent bulb for PN-512243 and PN-511410.</b>	

Replacement Fuses	
WFCO/Cheng USA Converter	3, 15, and 40 A automotive style blade fuse

Replacement Breakers - USA Breakers	
20 A Breaker, 12V DC, Type II, #12V20APP	PN – 510947-20
25 A Breaker, 12V DC, Type II, #12V25APP	PN – 510947-25
GFI Breaker, Type BR, 20GFI, #GFCB-120	PN - 510564-20GFI
Breaker, Type BRD, BD 20-20	PN - 510564-2020
Breaker, Type BRD, BD 30-20	PN - 510564-3020

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Replacement Rivets							
	Interior		Exterior			Underbelly	
Part Number	330127-05	330127-08	682616-01	330126-02	330126-03	330034	330038
Rivet Name	AD45ABS	AD48ABS		SSD43SSBS	SSD44SSBS	AD68ABSLF	AD54ABSLF
Head Style	Dome Head	Dome Head	Shaveable Head	Dome Head	Dome Head	Large Flange	Large Flange
Body Diameter (Inches)	0.125 (1/8)	0.125 (1/8)	0.156 (5/32)	0.125 (1/8)	0.125 (1/8)	0.187 (3/16)	0.156 (5/32)
Hole Size	0.129-0.133	0.129-0.133	0.160-0.164	0.129-0.133	0.129-0.133	0.192-0.196	0.160-0.164
Drill Number	30	30	20	30	30	11	20
Grip Range In (Inches)	0.251-0.312	0.376-0.500	0.020-0.312	0.126-0.187	0.188-0.250	0.376-0.500	0.126-0.250
Length Under Head (Max. Inches)	0.453	0.640	0.800	0.337	0.400	0.690	0.415
Head Diameter (Nominal)	0.250	0.250	0.312	0.250	0.250	0.625	0.468
Head Height (Max. Inches)	0.040	0.040		0.040	0.040	0.092	0.075
Typical Sheer Strength (lb.)*	155	155		520	520	85	225
Typical Tensile Strength (lb.)*	235	235		600	600	135	350

\*Values shown are a guide only and may vary depending upon the application.

Replacement Filters	
Air Conditioner (11,000 BTU)	PN - 690323-102
Air Conditioner (13,500 BTU)	PN - 690323-102

Laminate Touch-up	
Seam-Fil White	PN - 360301-02
Fil-Stik White	PN - 28430W-03
Fil-Stik Light Maple	PN - 28430W-04

## Exterior Care

The following exterior care products are recommended by Airstream. Read and follow label directions. Exterior sealant should be checked and resealed once a year.

**Walberize Super Seal (PN - 28433W)** - Use on exterior aluminum of trailer; recommend two applications a year.

**Acryl-R Seam Sealer and Applicator Head (PN - 28430W [16 oz can])** - Use to seal all metal to metal seams, including but not limited to, segment seams, sides and bottom of riveted frame windows, compartment door frames, marker lights, and tail lights; and anywhere a fine bead of gray sealant is required.

**AdSeal Premium Quality Sealant Adhesive (PN - 330365-01 [10 oz tube-White])** - Use to seal all exterior roof components.

**AdSeal Premium Quality Sealant Adhesive (PN - 330365-03 [10 oz tube-Gray])** - Use to seal eyebrows of riveted frame windows and main door, and anywhere a thicker bead of gray sealant is required.

**Sikaflex 221 Multi-Purpose Polyurethane Sealant (PN - 360180-04 [10 oz tube-Black])** - Use to seal below the rubrail.

## Tires

Your trailer is equipped at the factory with name brand trailer tires. Most Airstream dealers cannot make adjustments to tires. An Airstream or tire dealer that handles that particular brand must do this. If you experience tire problems, contact the nearest dealer.

### Tire Changing

To change a tire with a jack, see the label affixed to the underbelly located to the rear of the wheels. This label reads **JACK** with an arrow pointing to a plate riveted to the mainframe rail where the jack head must be placed.

### Jack Location



#### NOTE

**Airstream does not supply a jack with the trailer.**

Leveling blocks can be used instead of a jack to change a flat tire. Position the leveling block under the trailer's good tire. This will raise the flat tire clear of the ground. All tire and wheel assemblies are balanced at the factory. Be sure to rebalance the tire and wheel assemblies each time a tire is changed.



#### WARNING

**The maximum speed rating on the tires installed on your trailer is 65 MPH. Do not exceed this rating. Failure to heed this warning could cause catastrophic tire failure resulting in property damage, personal injury, and/or death.**



#### WARNING

**Never attempt to change any tire on the trailer without securely chocking the trailer's remaining wheels. Never position yourself in a manner where a raised trailer can come down on you if it should become dislodged from a jack or ramp.**



#### WARNING

**When removing aluminum-forged wheels from spindle, it is very important to mark them to ensure the wheel is placed in the same position of the drum when reinstalling. If the aluminum-forged wheel is to be mounted on a different drum, it is important to sand all loose corrosion from the mating surfaces.**



#### WARNING

Wheel separation can occur:

1. On first trip, tighten wheel nuts at beginning of trip, and at 10, 25, and 50 miles.
2. Thereafter, check wheel nuts before each trip.
3. Following winter storage, check wheel nuts before beginning a trip
4. Following excessive braking, inspect wheel nuts.

**See Section 4 - Floor Plans and Specifications in this manual for wheel torque ratings. Do not overtorque.**

In an emergency, remove a flat tire. The independent suspension of the rubber torsion axle allows four- or six-wheeled units to be safely towed on three or five wheels for a short distance (100 miles maximum) and only at a low speed (30 MPH).

Be especially careful when crossing holes or dips in the road. Under these circumstances, it is good practice to set your rear view mirrors so that you can observe your tires at all time.

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## Tire Load and Inflation Information

Maintaining proper tire inflation pressure is essential for both tire safety and performance.

### Proper Tire Inflation

The level of air in your tires affects your vehicle's overall performance. A maximum inflation pressure specification is found on the trailer's exterior on a metal tag riveted to the lower front, roadside of the trailer, as well as on the original equipment tires.

Air pressure should be checked based on the load on each individual tire. Cold Inflation Pressure should be adjusted to handle the maximum tire load, and all tires on the axle should carry the same inflation pressure. *Cold tire inflation pressure* is the tire pressure checked in the morning before you drive more than a few miles, or before rising ambient temperatures or the sun's radiant heat affects it.

### Underinflated Tires

Underinflation brings a higher risk of damage due to road hazards, reduces casing durability, causes a loss in fuel economy, and will result in uneven or irregular tire wear. Severe underinflation brings about an increased risk of tread separation, handling difficulties, and possible tire failure, caused by overheating.

When minimum inflation pressure requirements are not met, tire durability and optimum operating conditions are compromised. Tire inflation pressure should always meet the guidelines for vehicle weight.

Observe the following:

- It may be necessary to inflate your tires at a truck stop or truck service center in order to achieve adequate air pressure for your trailer's needs.
- Only permanent air seal metal valve caps should be used.
- Be safe - if a tire has been run in a 20% underinflated condition, it must be dismounted and inspected by a trained professional. It should not be aired up without a full inspection or without using a safety cage. Use a calibrated gauge. If your tire is rated for higher inflation pressures, a special gauge will be required designed for larger tires.
- Do not bleed air from warm tires to reduce pressure buildup.
- Do not inflate tires to cold PSI rating beyond rim specifications.

## How Overloading Affects Your Tires

Tire pressure is what enables your trailer tire to support loads, thus, overloading can have serious consequences. Too much weight can cause stress on the suspension system components, brake failure, handling and steering problems, irregular tire wear, and possible tire failure. If you discover your tires cannot handle the load, lighten the weight of the load on your tires.

### Weighing Your Trailer Or Towed Vehicle

Since a trailer or towed vehicle adds to the load on the tires, it is crucial to properly weigh towed vehicles. Refer to Section 7 - Towing section for important detailed information on loading and weighing of the trailer.

### Tire Care

The most important function of tires is to provide traction while moving and grip when steering or stopping. The tires on your trailer are designed for highway use and must be properly maintained in order to maximize tire life, as well to provide a safe mode of transportation.

### Tire Care Tips

To reduce the risk of tire failure, we strongly recommend the following:

1. Check the pressure in your tires, including your spare, at least monthly when the tires are cool (after the vehicle has been stopped for three hours and then driven less than one mile). Do not reduce pressure when tires are hot. Use a tire gauge to check pressure and maintain it at the recommended level.
2. Never overload your tires. Heed the maximum load-carrying capability of your tires.
3. Check your tires frequently for scrapes, bulges, separations, cuts, or snags resulting from use. See your tire dealer immediately if any such condition is discovered.
4. Never operate your vehicle in excess of lawful speeds, the maximum speeds justified by driving conditions, or in excess of speeds recommended for the tires you are using.
5. Make every effort to avoid running over objects that may damage the tire through impact or cutting, such as chuck holes, glass, metal, etc.

6. Never drive on smooth tires. Tires should be removed when 2/32 in. of tread depth remains. In most states, it is illegal to drive with less than 2/32 in. remaining tread depth.
7. Park out of the sun whenever possible when in warm climates. In desert regions, use tire covers to prevent ultra violet light deterioration to tires.

### Tire Inspection and Storage

Before taking your trailer on a trip or when removing it from an extended storage period, make it a practice to inspect the overall condition of your tires. Check for any type of condition or damage that might result in failure. A thorough check should include both inside and outside sidewalls, tread area and the condition of hardware such as valve stems, valve caps, and wheels. The tread should be checked for any unusual wear, cracking, penetrations, and/or cuts. An uneven wear pattern can indicate misalignment or worn suspension parts.

Since many RVs are used seasonally and sometimes stored for extended times, it is possible that tires will take many years to wear out. Tires, as any rubber product, will age over time. If tires show cracking in the sidewall or tread surfaces that are more than 2/32 in. deep, they should be replaced before your next trip or VACation. Store your RV in a cool, dry area away from major heat sources and extreme cold. An enclosed storage area is best with no exposure to electromagnetic sources such as generators or transformers. If you must keep your trailer outside, cover your tires from direct sunlight. Take your trailer to your tire dealer for service to check or correct any of these conditions.

### Tire and Wheel Replacement

It is possible to replace your tires with a different size, in some instances, to increase your load capacity with a different inflation pressure. If there is a reason to replace your tires with a different size, make sure the following checks are made before the purchase:

- Does the replacement tire have the load capacity that is needed for my trailer and will it fit properly inside the wheel well?
- Will the overall diameter difference affect the braking system?
- Is the increase in air pressure compatible with the maximum rated pressure stamped on the rim?

Most trailers are towed at or near maximum loads during hot weather and then are left idle for months. In

normal use, oils in the tire come to the surface during flexing and protect the rubber from ultraviolet light. But when the tires are long idle, natural aging may cause the rubber to crack prematurely, especially in the sidewall area. Trailer tires over five years old should be inspected by a tire expert for cracking and replaced even if it has no apparent tread wear.

Choose a tire adequate for the load. The load rating printed on the sidewall will show the maximum load that can be carried at a defined pressure.

A Goodyear ST225/75 R15 tire inflated to 65 PSI (MAX.) has load capacity of 2540 lbs.

A Goodyear ST215/75 R14 tire inflated to 50 PSI (MAX.) has load capacity of 1850 lbs.

An ST225/75R15 tire is a special trailer tire with a section width of 225 mm, a height-to-width ratio of 75%, and radial construction with a diameter of 15 in. As the width-to-height ratio becomes smaller, the tire has a lower profile.



### WARNING

**Do not mismatch wheels and tires.**

Axle systems are installed with hubs and drums that are compatible with many wheels used in the recreational vehicle industry that have matching bolt patterns. If the original manufacturer-installed equipment is in need of replacement, the wheel manufacturer should be contacted for proof of compatibility prior to replacement and use.

Customers replacing original equipment with equipment that has not been tested for compatibility must ensure the replacements are compatible to the hub and drum assembly installed. Such elements of compatibility include, but are not limited to:

- Diameter of the hub-mounting surface.
- Stud length and diameter.
- Location and number of studs.
- Center hole diameter for the wheel.
- Wheel-mounting offset from the rim center.
- Rated capacity of the wheel.
- Wheel fastener torque.
- Wheel nut size and shape.
- Impact of any added wheel accessories (such as decorative center caps) that could affect proper seating of the wheel to the hub surface.

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Refer to the following table for wheel specifications.

Wheel Specifications		
Size/Center Size In Inches	Lug Pattern	Model
14 x 6 / 4.5	5	16 ft. Models
15 x 6 / 5	6	22 ft. Models
All wheels have zero offset.		

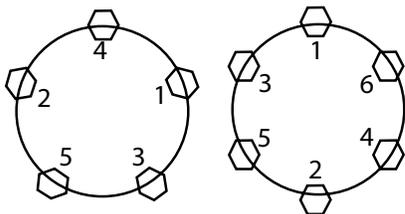
## Lug Nut Torquing

### NOTE

**Use a torque wrench to tighten lug nuts. Tightening by hand or with an impact wrench is not recommended. See the Specification Chart in this manual for wheel torque ratings.**

Trailer wheels must carry much higher loads per wheel than passenger car or truck wheels. Each wheel may carry 1000 pounds and higher. Furthermore, wheels on tandem axle trailers do not steer, and are subjected to very high side load stress whenever the trailer makes a tight turn. When going around corners, especially on slow, tight turns, the wheels are subject to very strong side loads. This tends to flex the wheel and gradually loosen the wheel nuts. Although the materials and manufacturing methods are maximized for this kind of service, these extra loads can cause stress, which can result in flexing and loosening of wheel nuts.

Before each trip and any time a wheel is replaced, be sure to tighten the wheel nuts, following one of the lug-pattern sequences shown below. If the wheel was replaced, check the torque every 10, 25, and 50 miles.



If you notice wheel wobbling, or hear a rattling sound coming from a wheel, especially at low speeds, a wheel lug nut may have come loose. This problem is usually caused by improper tightening, or by faulty or damaged lug bolt threads.

If suspicious of a loose lug nut, safely stop vehicle as soon as possible. Put up warning devices. Remove the lug caps and check the tightness of all the lug nuts. Tighten all lug nuts to the specified torque, using a torque wrench. If stud threads are damaged or faulty, get professional service help.

## Spare Tire Carrier

The spare tire for Airstreams is stored under the front of the trailer. The front handle of the tire carrier is a 1-in. tube protruding out from under the front A-frame on the curbside. It is secured by a bracket and bolt along the inside of the A-frame rail. Removing the bolts allows the front of the tire carrier to be lowered and the spare tire to be removed.

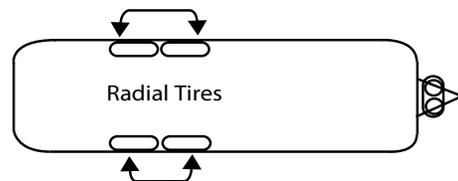


### WARNING

**The spare tire carrier is designed to carry an undamaged tire and rim assembly of the type and size specified for the trailer. Never place a severely damaged wheel assembly with a damaged partial tire, or a rim only, in the carrier.**

## Tire Rotation

(10,000-mile intervals)



## Axles and Bearings

### NOTE

**Never allow heat to be applied to the axle tube; doing so will severely damage the rubber providing the spring torsion action.**

### Rubber Torsion Axle Alignment Specifications

Toe-In and Camber Specifications	
Toe-In each side 1/16 in.	Tolerance 1/8 in. + or -
Camber each side 3/4 degrees positive	Tolerance 3/4 degrees + or -

## **Wheel Bearing Maintenance**

1. Jack trailer at marked jack location pad behind axle on mainframe,
2. Remove hubcap or spindle cover, wheel and tire.
3. Remove cotter pin.
4. Remove dust cap.
5. Remove spindle nut and washer.
6. Remove bearings and hub.
7. Lay down hub with inside grease seal down. Knock out inner bearing and grease seal using wood or plastic dowel and hammer.
8. Clean all parts thoroughly with kerosene.
9. Check all bearings and races for chips or roughness of any kind. Any damaged component must be replaced.
10. Pack bearing with a good grease (No 2 grade-265 ASTM penetration or equivalent).
11. Install inner bearing.
12. Install new grease seal in hub or rotor using wooden or rawhide mallet.
13. Install hub and drum on spindle.

14. Install outer bearing.
15. Install washer and spindle nut.
16. While rotating the wheel, tighten the spindle nut with a 12" wrench until there is a slight tension. Then back off one notch and install cotter pin. There should now be from .001" to .010" end play in hub. If not, back off one notch.
17. Check the lug nuts at 10, 25 miles and recheck at 50 miles of travel. See Specification Section in this manual for wheel torque ratings.

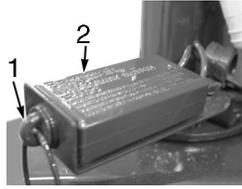
When packing bearings by hand, place a glob of grease in the palm of one hand and push the large end of the bearing down into the grease (see illustration). Keep turning the bearing around and forcing it down through the grease until the grease is extruded up through the opposite end. Wipe the extra grease in your hand around the outside of the bearing. It is not necessary to fill the hub and dust cap with grease.

## **Brakes**

Due to normal brake lining wear, the brakes and the controller setting should be checked every six months or 10,000 miles, whichever comes first.

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## Breakaway Switch



1. Pin
2. Breakaway Switch



### CAUTION

**Allow no more than 20 to 30 seconds pin separation as damage to brake magnets may occur.**

To prevent corrosion within the breakaway switch, pull the pin out and spray the inside of the switch through the hole with an electric contact cleaner (such as Spra-Kleen). Applying a drop of light household oil on the pin and the groove near the base of the pin will allow the pin to operate freely. Immediately reinsert pin. Perform this procedure every 90 days.

## Battery (Lead Acid)

Your Airstream trailer is factory equipped with an Interstate battery (SRM-24).

### NOTE

**A normal battery can discharge by itself in 30 to 40 days when not in use, therefore, it is necessary to periodically check the battery and charge.**

We suggest checking the batteries at least every two weeks in freezing weather. The temperature at which a battery will freeze depends on the condition of its charge. As an example: a fully charged battery with a specific gravity of 1.265 will not freeze until the electrolyte temperature drops to -71.3°F, while a discharged battery will freeze at +19°F. The following table shows the freezing points of batteries at various specific gravity readings, temperature corrected 80°F.

### NOTE

**Specific gravity can be tested with a hydrometer. Follow usage instructions or see your Airstream dealer.**

Specific Gravity	Freeze Point (°F)
1.265	-71.3
1.250	-62
1.200	-16
1.100	+5
1.150	+19

Do not add water to a battery in freezing temperatures unless the vehicle will be put to use at once, otherwise the added water may freeze. Neglect is expensive. Care costs little. Check your batteries regularly.

Maintain a clean battery top and check terminals and cables for tightness and cleanliness. A dirty battery will dissipate its charge through surface contamination. Clean battery top with a damp cloth and dry thoroughly.

The terminals should be tight and free of corrosion. To clean terminals, neutralize with a solution of baking soda, rinse in clear water, and dry. To ensure maximum battery capacity on the charge and the discharge, the battery terminals and the inside portion of the cable connector should be scraped or brushed until both of these surfaces are shiny-bright. The cable connectors should then be reconnected to the battery and tightened. The complete assembly, battery post, and cable connector should be coated with heavy body mineral grease, petroleum grease, or petroleum jelly.

**NOTE****Reconnect the battery cables to the correct battery posts.**

The red cable must first be connected to the positive (+) post and then the black cable to the negative (-) post. The polarity of your tow vehicle must also be negative (-) ground since it must always match the trailer. Most tow vehicles are negative grounded, but always check your vehicle owner's manual to be sure.

Add water to cells as necessary. Check the electrolyte level at least once a month. When you are traveling steadily and for an extended period of time, or if you are in climates above 90°F, check the electrolyte level about every two weeks.

**CAUTION**

**Care must be taken to make sure soda is not allowed to enter battery cells. Do not fill battery above the split ring in filler opening. Do not measure specific gravity immediately after adding water. The water must mix with the electrolyte by charging or by driving a few miles.**

**WARNING**

**When checking or filling the electrolyte level in the batteries, do not allow battery electrolyte to contact skin, eyes, fabric, or painted surfaces. The electrolyte is a sulfuric acid solution, which could cause serious personal injury or damage to the trailer. Wear complete splash-proof goggles and clothing protection when working with batteries. Avoid touching your eyes while working near batteries.**

**WARNING**

**The gases generated within a storage battery cell may be ignited by an open flame or spark in the vicinity of the battery. Do not use a match or flame to provide light for checking the level of the water.**

During the winter, the batteries should be removed from the trailer and stored in a cool, dry place, where there is no danger of freezing. It should be kept full of water, cleaned, and charged monthly. A battery that is allowed to completely lose its charge will never regain its original power or a full charge.

For battery service or replacement, go to any service station or dealer who sells and services the make of battery installed in your trailer.

When being towed, the 12-volt batteries in your trailer are receiving a constant charge from the tow vehicle's generator or alternator through the 7-way connector.

Your tow vehicle's voltage regulator controls the charge rate. It is important to keep the seven-way connector clean. One method is to use "Spra-Kleen".

Whenever possible, use the automatic, built-in charger of the converter system for charging. The charging circuit automatically controls the current, reducing it as the batteries increase in charge.

At service stations, make certain they give your batteries a slow charge because quick charges will drastically shorten the life of the batteries, as will allowing repeated complete discharges.

**Glass Mat Batteries (Optional w/Solar Panel Charging System)**

If factory equipped with solar panel, the installed battery is Lifeline GLP-24.

In AGM-sealed batteries, the acid is absorbed between the plates and immobilized by a very fine fiberglass mat. No silica gel is necessary. This glass mat absorbs and immobilizes the acid while still keeping the acid available to the plates. This allows a fast reaction between acid and plate material.

Battery maintenance is an important issue. The battery should be cleaned using a baking soda and water mix, a couple of tablespoons to a pint of water. Cable connection needs to be cleaned and tightened regularly.

**Battery Storage**

The following recommendations may be helpful if the battery is to be stored:

- When storing the battery in a vehicle or vessel, it is not necessary to leave it on charge. Disconnect the negative battery cable. This will prevent inadvertent discharging of the battery which may lead to a complete discharge.
- Fully charge the battery before putting it in storage in a cool place.
- Boost charge the battery every two to three months to ensure maximum battery life.

# Maintenance

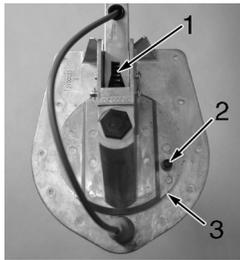
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## Antenna Base Lubrication

To lubricate the elevating gear, apply a liberal amount of silicone spray lubricant to the elevating gear with the lift in the down position, then run the lift up and down a few times to distribute lubricant over gears.

### **Lubricating Rotating Gear Housing**

In the event that rotating the antenna becomes difficult, lubricating the bearing surface between the rotating gear housing and the base plate can restore normal operation. Any spray-type silicone lubricant may be used.



1. Gear (Lubrication Point)
2. Setscrew
3. Base Plate (Lubrication Point)

Elevate antenna and remove setscrew from rotating gear housing as shown. Spray lubricant into hole and around edges of gear housing. Rotate gear housing until lubricant coats bearing surfaces and antenna rotates freely.

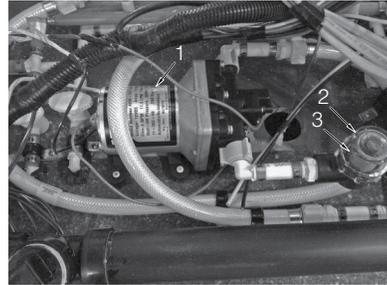
## Water Pump

### **Water Pump Access Locations**

The 16 ft. model has the pump and filter located under the roadside dinette seat. Access is gained by lifting the seat cushion to reveal the access panel.

The 22 ft. model has the water pump located under the wardrobe. Access is gained by removing the felt covered lower wardrobe shelf.

## Strainer Cleaning

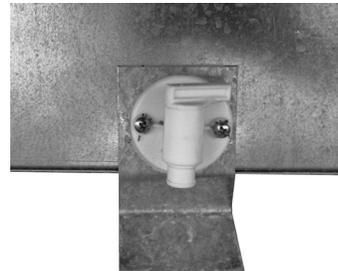


1. Pump
2. Housing Cap
3. Strainer

Locate the water pump and housing cap. Turn housing cap counterclockwise to remove cap and carefully pull out strainer. Clean strainer in small bucket of clean water or under running water. If necessary, clean strainer in a detergent solution. Install strainer and housing cap, being careful not to damage housing cap seal.

## Fresh Water Tanks and Draining

### **Drain Valves**



Under the trailer are galvanized steel boxes that are a few inches lower than the trailer frame. These boxes are insulated exterior tank pans and they support the freshwater and holding tanks. Petcocks open with a 1/4 turn; line drain valves are open when the widest part of the oval valve handle aligns with the water line.

### **Drain Valve Locations**

The 16-ft. model has two drain valves that are located under the roadside dinette seat. Remove the cushions to access a removable panel in the lounge top.

The 22-ft. Front Bed valves are located under the bed on the roadside. Access is provided by an access door cut in the seat bottom and bed top. Two other low point valves are located under the wardrobe. Access is gained by removing the felt covered lower wardrobe shelf.

### Fresh Water Tank Draining

Fresh water can be drained using two different procedures.

The freshwater tank drain valve on all units except for the 16-ft model is located under the trailer on freshwater tank pan. This “box” or tank pan supports the water tank. A white plastic petcock is located on the side of the pan for draining the water tank. All faucets should be opened before attempting to drain the tank by opening the petcock. The 16-ft model fresh water tank drain valve is located under the roadside dinette beside the water tank.

Pumping the water out with the self-contained water pump can also empty the fresh water tank. Simply turn on the pump switch until the water will no longer drain out of the faucets.



### CAUTION

**Do not let the pump run dry for extended periods of time as this could damage the pump.**

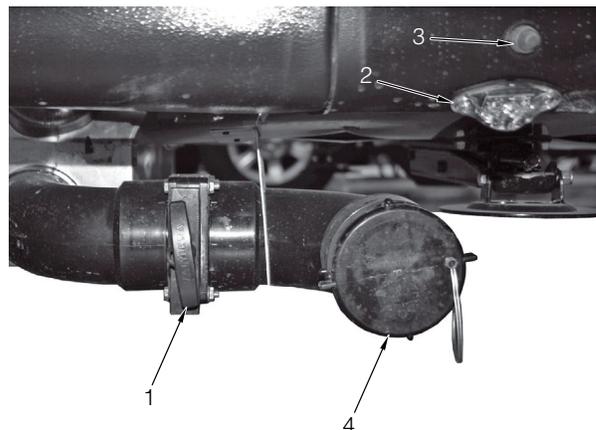
### Water Heater Draining

All models have a drain plug or petcock on the water heater. Access is from the exterior. The plug or valve is usually located in the lower-left corner, viewed as you face the exterior of the water heater.

### Black and Gray Water Tanks Draining

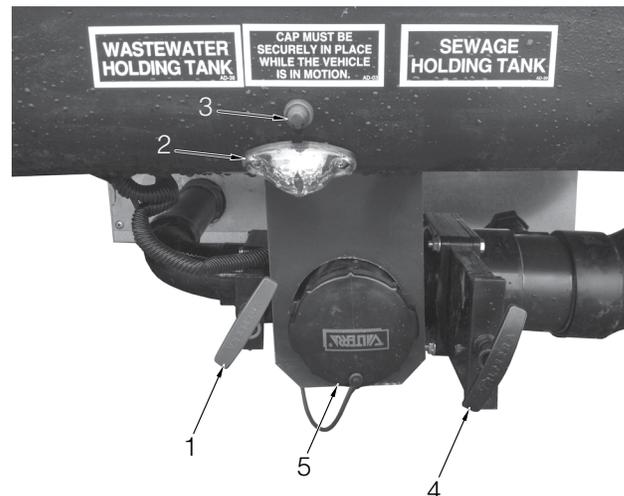
To empty one or both tanks, attach the sewer hose by pressing the bayonet fitting onto the dump valve outlet and rotating clockwise until it feels solid and secure. Attach the outlet end of the hose to the sewage outlet, making sure the hose is placed so it will drain completely. Pull the main dump valve handle as far as it will go and wait until the tank is drained. Close the dump valve and partially refill the tank with clean water, and repeat the process until clean. The main holding tank must be flushed out until all paper and waste material is removed. Should solids accumulate, close the dump valve, fill the tank about half full with water, and then tow the trailer for a few miles. The turbulence and surging of the water will usually dissolve the solids into suspension so the tank can be drained. Pull the auxiliary tank valve handle to drain the gray water tank. When dumping, the main holding tank should be dumped first, then the auxiliary holding tank. This will help to rinse the sewer line with auxiliary holding tank water. Replace the bayonet ring cap prior to traveling.

### 16-ft. Model



1. Combination Wastewater/Sewage (Gray/Black) Tank Valve
2. Light
3. Light Switch
4. Drain Cap (Drain Hose Hookup)

### 22-ft. Model



1. Wastewater (Gray) Tank Valve
2. Light
3. Light Switch
4. Sewage (Black) Tank Valve
5. Drain Cap (Drain Hose Hookup)

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## **Black Water Tank Dumping**

When you are in a park and connected to a sewer outlet, keep the main holding tank dump valve closed and empty the tank every few days, or whenever it becomes almost full. *Only by sending a large volume of liquid, all at once, through the main holding tank will toilet paper and other solids completely wash away.*

This practice will avoid the accumulation of solids in the main holding tank, which could lead to an unpleasant cleaning job. Should solids accumulate, close the dump valve, fill the tank about half full with water, then tow the trailer for a few miles. The turbulence and surging of the water will usually dissolve the solids into suspension so the tank can be drained. Keep the auxiliary tank valve open when connected to a sewer outlet.

Draining the tanks as described will protect them from freezing during storage. When traveling in sub-freezing temperatures, use a winterizing solution designed for RV use. Follow the directions on the container.

## **Black Water Tank Flush**



The trailer has a water hose connector specifically for flushing the Black Water Tank. To use, hook up a hose and turn on full force. Within the tank, a spray head with a multiple holed head will spray the interior surface of the tank. The VACuum breaker and check valve will be located inside the trailer above the exterior connection. In most models, this will place them under the lavatory.

The gate valve should be closed for the first couple of minutes, and then opened to let the water out in a rush. Repeat as needed.

## **Drain Systems Cleaning**

The only cleaning agents that can be used without causing harm to the system are household ammonia and tri-sodium phosphate in small quantities. Do not use any product that contains any portion of petroleum distillates. This type of product will attack the rubber seals of your toilet and dump valve. Also, do not use any dish detergent or abrasive cleaners. All products should be marked as approved for ABS drainage systems.

## **Winterizing and Storage**

When storing your trailer for short or long periods, use the same precautions as you would in your own home in regard to perishables, ventilation, and rain protection. In addition, for prolonged storage periods, flush all the drain lines and the holding tanks. Also drain the entire water system including the water heater and the water storage tank. Instructions for draining the water system are explained in the following paragraphs on winterizing.

The main consideration in winterizing your trailer is to guard against freeze damage to the fresh water system lines, tank, and pump; the waste drain system including the traps and tanks; the water heater; and the batteries.

To completely winterize your trailer follow this procedure:

1. Level the trailer from side to side and front to rear. Open all faucets.
2. Replace the galley faucet filter with the bypass pipe (refer to Galley Faucet Filter in Section 5 - Interior). Store filter in a warm place.
3. Turn the water pump switch to the ON position to expel water from the storage tank
4. Open all drain valves including drain plug or valve on water heater and exterior water service valve.
5. While the water is draining from the system, open and flush the toilet-flushing valve. Depress hand spray lever while holding the spray head down inside the bowl. Depress hand spray thumb button on the telephone shower head while holding down inside the tub and drain all water from the flexible hose. Unscrew the heads on both spray units and store.

1. Turn the pump switch OFF after all water has been removed from the storage tank.
2. Remove exhaust hose from water pump.
3. Disconnect the water pump inlet connection and turn the pump on until all the water is expelled. This water, about 1/2 cup, can be caught in a towel or rag.
4. Lower the front of the trailer as far as the jack will allow until water ceases to drain, and then crank the jack up as high as it will go and allow any remaining water to drain out.
5. After the water has stopped running from the drain lines, apply at least 60 lb. of air pressure at the city water inlet. An air-to-city water adapter is available from your dealer's RV accessory store. Be sure the toilet valve, all drain valves, and faucets are open, and pump outlet hose is disconnected. This can be done at a service station and will force any remaining water from the water heater and remove any water that may be trapped in low areas.
6. Pour a cup of approved non-toxic RV antifreeze that has been and listed by a recognized testing authority such as Underwriter Lab into the lavatory, sink, and tub drains to prevent trap freeze-up.



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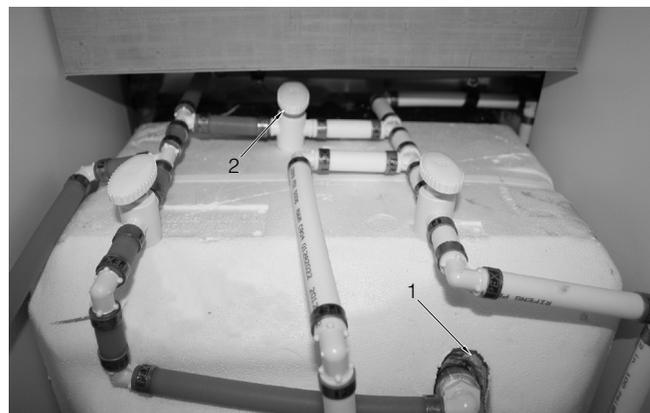
**Remove all RV antifreeze spillage from all drain and faucet parts after winterizing. Failure to do so could result in damage to the finish of the plumbing fixtures.**

7. Be sure to open the waste-holding tank dump valves, and drain and flush the tanks thoroughly (*this is very important as the sewage in the tanks, if frozen, could seriously damage the tanks*). Plan ahead and have this done at a dump station.
8. If so equipped, remove the cartridge of the water purifier and leave the purifier valve in the open position.
9. Remove the batteries from your trailer and store in a cool, dry place where there is no danger of freezing. It is very important for optimum life of a battery to check it periodically and to keep it fully charged.
10. Remove any items (food, cosmetics, etc.) from trailer interior that might be damaged by freezing, or that might damage the trailer if containers should break.

For additional winterizing protection, add a non-toxic antifreeze (approved for drinking water system) to the water lines using the following procedure:

1. Reconnect all lines, except the hose, to the pump inlet port. Close all drain valves.
2. Turn water heater bypass valve on while turning the other two valves to the off position. See photo below for valves being referred to.
3. Replace the galley faucet filter with the bypass pipe (refer to Galley Faucet Filter in the Interior section). Store filter in a warm place.
4. Attach a length of hose to the pump inlet port. This piece of hose should be long enough for the free end to be inserted into and reach the bottom of the antifreeze container.
5. For antifreeze usages follow manufacturer's instructions found on label of container.
6. Open all water faucets.
7. Insert hose length into the antifreeze container, turn the pump switch on, and run the water pump until the antifreeze solution fills all water lines. Flush toilet. Work hand shower spray while holding down in tub.
8. Shut off the pump and close all faucets.
9. Disconnect the hose length from pump inlet fitting and reconnect water system inlet line.

### Water Heater Bypass Valve



1. Water Heater
2. Bypass Valve

If valve is in-line with water line, turn bypass valve clockwise to close.

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## **Water Heater Bypass Valve Locations**

16-ft. model is under the roadside wardrobe hinged bottom shelf.

22-ft. Front Bed model is accessed through a door under the mattress on the roadside bed or through its storage door.

## **Main Door Care**

### **Lubrication**

Apply a little paraffin or grease to the striker pockets and a slight amount of household oil to the lock mechanisms to keep the locks operating smoothly. Also, lubricate the hinge pins periodically with household oil. Use the lubricant sparingly and immediately remove any excess from exterior skin.

### **Adjustment**

Main door adjustment can be affected by:

- The trailer being improperly leveled (causing twisting of trailer body/shell).\*
- Striker bolt alignment being out of adjustment, (striker bolt is adjustable).
- Screen door being out of adjustment, resulting in a situation of the door rubbing the frame, or not closing flush (which will create pressure on the door).
- Main door has come open at some point, introducing a change to the contour of the door frame (check for sheared rivets on interior skin of door).

\* When using the stabilizers (for eliminating movement-not leveling) on your Airstream, be sure to check the fit of your main door before and after extending stabilizers. The fit of the main door can be affected if trailer is not level side to side and front to back.

## **Windows**

### **Sticking Windows**

Forcing the window open may cause the window to shatter. Always follow the guidelines below for releasing a stuck window.

1. Unlatch the window latches securing the windows on the interior.
2. Apply some 303 Aerospace Protectant to a nylon wedge window tool.
3. Starting in the corner, tuck the end of the nylon tool under the glass and gently slide to opposite end.



## **CAUTION**

**Prying up or applying pressure to the window may cause the window to shatter, resulting in personal injury or unit damage.**

4. Once the window is released, wash the gasket with a mild soap and water solution, and dry.
5. Apply 303 Aerospace Protectant to the window gasket. To apply, spray/pour 303 onto a soft rag or sponge and apply a generous coating directly to the gasket. Remove any residue that comes in contact with the exterior aluminum skin. This may be ordered through the Airstream Parts Department or at the Airstream online store at [www.airstream.com](http://www.airstream.com).

## **Tambour Track Maintenance**

Applying a coat of silicon spray to the locker tracks will allow the tambour doors to travel smoothly.



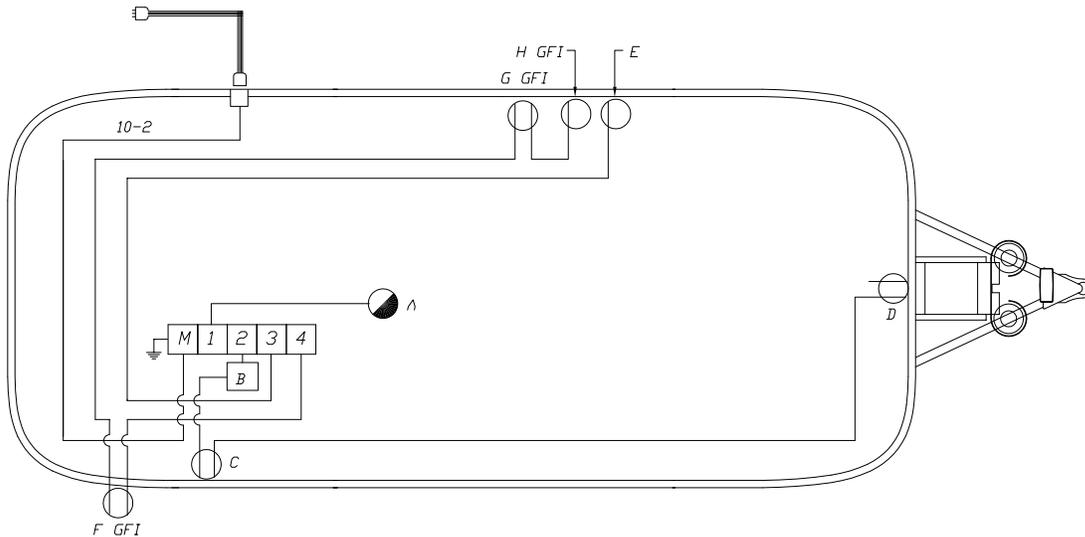


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## 110-Volt/30- Amp Diagram

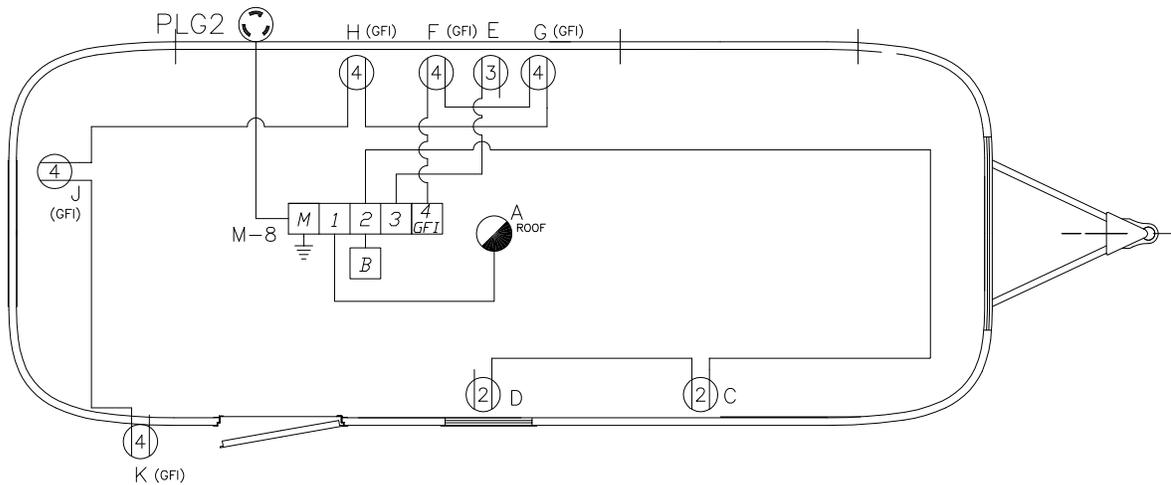
The following electrical diagrams are representative of the National Electric Code (NEC) and Canadian Standards Association (CSA). All circuits are NEC with the exception of CSA circuits as specified in each respective table.

### 16 Sport



Main Circuit, 30 Amp		
Circuit 1, 20 Amp		
A	Air Conditioner	16.0 Amps
Circuit 2, 20 Amp (15 Amp - CSA)		
B	Converter Receptacle	8.0 Amps
C	Bedroom Receptacle	1.5 Amps
C	Bedroom Receptacle - CSA	1.0 Amps
D	Dinette Receptacle	1.5 Amps
D	Dinette Receptacle - CSA	1.0 Amps
Circuit 3, 20 Amp (15 Amp - CSA)		
E	Microwave Receptacle	12.0 Amps
Circuit 4, 20 Amp (15 Amp - CSA)		
F	Outside Receptacle	1.5 Amps
F	Outside Receptacle - CSA	1.0 Amps
G	Galley Receptacle	1.5 Amps
G	Galley Receptacle - CSA	1.0 Amps
H	Refer Receptacle	2.7 Amps

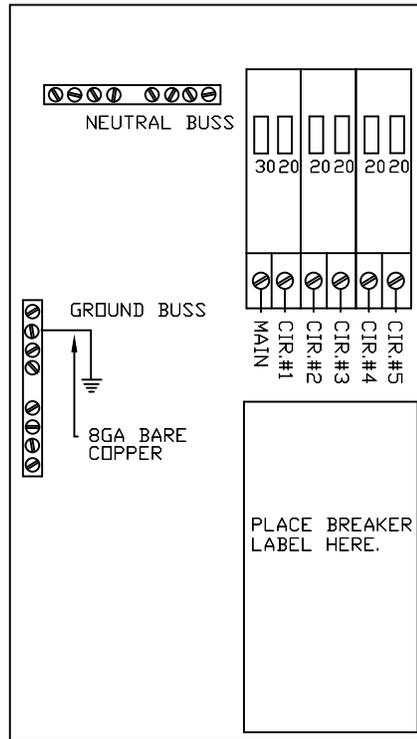
## 22FB Sport



Main Circuit, 30 Amp		
Circuit 1, 20 Amp		
A	Air Conditioner	13.8 Amps
Circuit 2, 20 Amp (15 Amp - CSA)		
B	Converter (Wired Direct)	8.0 Amps
C	Nightstand Receptacle	1.5 Amps
C	Nightstand Receptacle - CSA	1.0 Amps
D	Dinette Receptacle	1.5 Amps
D	Dinette Receptacle - CSA	1.0 Amps
Circuit 3, 20 Amp (15 Amp - CSA)		
E	Microwave Receptacle	12.0 Amps
Circuit 4, 20 Amp (15 Amp - CSA)		
F	Refer Receptacle (Single)	1.2 Amps
G	Galley Receptacle	1.5 Amps
G	Galley Receptacle - CSA	1.0 Amps
H	Main Area/TV Receptacle	1.5 Amps
H	Main Area/TV Receptacle - CSA	1.0 Amps
J	Bath Receptacle (GFI)	1.5 Amps
J	Bath Receptacle (GFI) - CSA	1.0 Amps
K	Outside Receptacle	1.5 Amps
K	Outside Receptacle - CSA	1.0 Amps

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## Standard 30 Amp Circuit Breaker Layout:

- Circuit 5 - 20 Amp - Water Heater
- Circuit 4 - 20 Amp - GFI Refer, Galley, Bath, Outside, Dinette Receptacles, Front TV, Living Area
- Circuit 3 - 20 Amp - Microwave Receptacle
- Circuit 2 - 20 Amp - Converter, Bedroom, Blu-Ray Player Receptacles
- Circuit 1 - 20 Amp - A/C
- Main - 30 Amp

Breaker label content may vary. CSA includes 15 Amp breakers.

## Solar Panel Pre-Wire

The Sport is pre-wired for a roof mounted solar panel. One green and one yellow wire are ran in the ceiling from just forward of the high volume roof vent to the DC buss bar located under the roadside front lounge. The wires are coiled at the buss bar and in the roof at these locations.

The battery buss bar is located on the front end shell inside skin, next to the battery compartment. Front bed models have the bar located under the front bed. Battery cables will run to this bar.

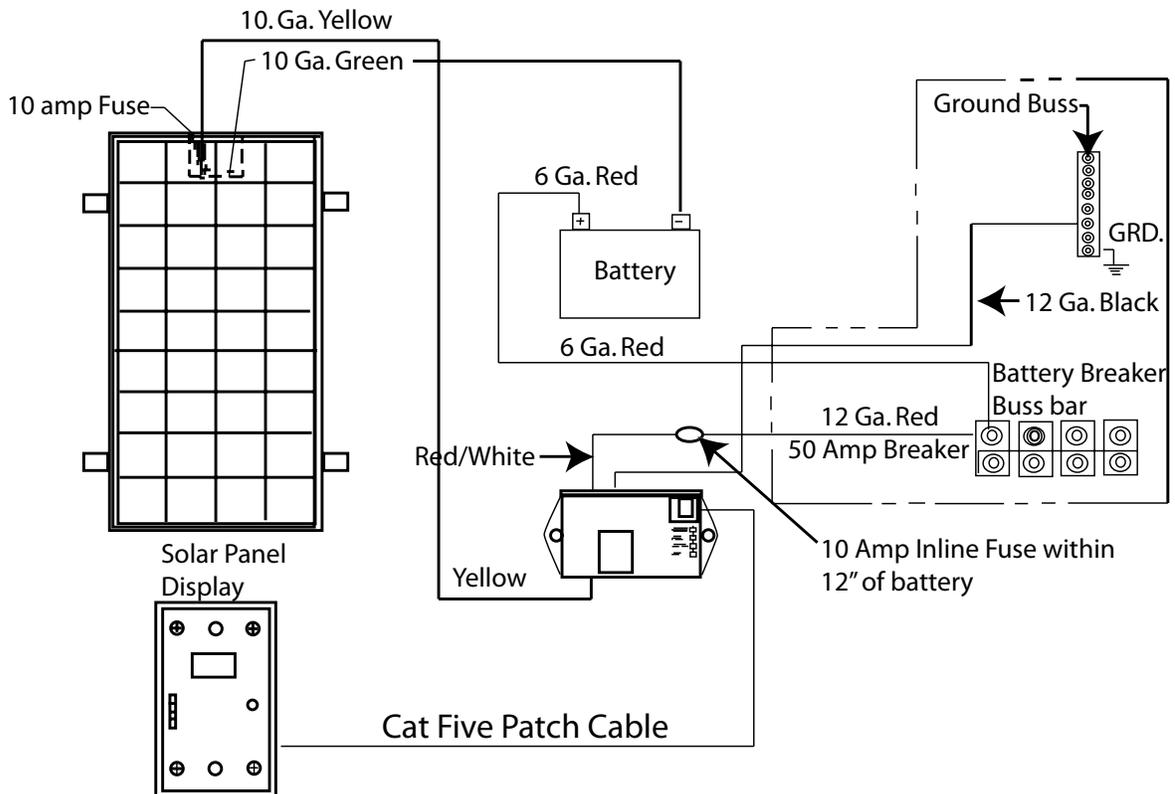
A Cat 5-patch cord for a solar panel display, if supplied with the after market unit, runs from the battery buss bar to an area just below the CatCon seven display. The solar panel display panel can be mounted just below the CatCon monitor panel by routing the proper size hole. The Cat 5 wire is plugged into the display panel.

## NOTE

**The yellow wire must be fused with a 10-amp inline fuse at the 12-volt positive. All wires are identified with labels at all locations.**

The solar panel has a charge controller that should be mounted close to the battery buss bars, as the battery leads are hooked into it to sense the actual battery charge. The Cat 5 wire plugs into it also.

The following diagram depicts the way Airstream wires the solar system on factory-installed units and is the recommended wiring for use of the pre-wire system.



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## FAQs and Answers

### Electrical

**1. What size of generator is needed to operate my Airstream?**

Answer: A 1,000-watt generator may be used to charge just the batteries. However, if you are wanting to run appliances such as microwave or AC units, it is recommended to have at least 4,000 watts or more\* (This is for a 30-Amp system).

\* Many Airstreamers accomplish this using two portable generators running in parallel.

**2. What can I plug in to the optional 1,000-Watt inverter outlets in my Airstream?**

Answer: These plugs are designed for no more than 600 Watts of power and are intended for charging things such as laptops and phones, and TV usage. Plugging in items such as VACuums, hairdryers, etc., may harm the system.

**3. I was told my Airstream is pre-wired for solar panels. What does this mean?**

Answer: Wiring has been installed throughout your unit for the solar package Airstream is currently using. For more information on solar packages, you may wish to contact your Airstream dealer.

**4. What size batteries are in my Airstream?**

Answer: Sport models will have the Interstate SRM-24 batteries installed. (Optional GPL-24)

**5. Do you recommend using a surge protector when plugged into shore power?**

Answer: Your Airstream is breaker protected. However, with the use of more personal electronic devices and the number of RV users in parks, added protection is always a plus.

**6. What is the battery disconnect switch function?**

Answer: It is a switch that disengages or engages the 12-volt power supply from the house batteries to everything but the LPG detector. The switch is used to cut power when the trailer is not being used or put into storage to preserve battery charge.

**7. What does the power converter do in my trailer?**

Answer: The converter takes 120-volt AC shore power and turns it into 12-volt DC to keep batteries charged and power 12-volt items in your trailer.

### Plumbing

**1. While parked at my site, do you recommend leaving my dump valves open?**

Answer: You cannot leave your black water valve open. This would cause a buildup inside the tank. You need to keep this closed until you are full or ready to leave. (Remember, use your no-fuss flush.)

**2. How do I use my black water tank flush?**

Answer: First, empty your black water tank, then close your black water tank valve. Hook up your hose to the external hookup, run a couple minutes, and then open the valve. Do this a couple times until clear.

**3. Do I need a water regulator?**

Answer: No, your Airstream is equipped with a built in regulator rated for 65 PSI.

**4. How do I get fresh water into my trailer?**

Answer: You can use the on board fresh water tank and 12-volt pump for your water supply when boon docking, or hook to an external water source via garden hose to exterior water inlet when parked at a campground.

**5. What is the difference between a gray water tank and the black tank?**

Answer: The gray water tank holds water from shower and sink drains. The black water tank holds sewer water from the toilet.

### Audio-Video

**1. My TV reception is poor. What can I check?**

Answer: Verify your antenna booster is set to proper selection (ON- for antenna and OFF- for cable satellite). You should also make sure connections are tight on your TV.

## Appliances

### 1. *I am planning for a trip in my Airstream. How should I get the refrigerator cooled down?*

Answer: Cooling time will vary with exterior temperatures and time of day. Start by pre-cooling your refrigerator at least 12 hours prior to loading your refrigerator. Always pre-cool food in your refrigerator or freezer to reduce cooling time. Do not pack food too tightly in compartment as to prevent circulation around food items. Normal refrigerator operating temperatures are 34°F to 40°F.

### 2. *The heat pump in my trailer does not seem to be providing any heat; yesterday it worked great.*

Answer: The heat pump is designed to knock the chill off your trailer. It functions when outside temperature is 45°F or greater by removing heat from the outside air. Below 45°F it will not provide heat.

### 3. *My air conditioner freezes up. What is the problem?*

Answer: In high humidity conditions, Dometic recommends you operate your AC (manual mode) on the high fan setting and all vents should be open to have maximum air flow over the coils; this helps reduce icing. Also, dirty air conditioner filters can restrict air flow and cause the AC to ice up.

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### 1. *Where can I find my trailer serial number?*

Answer: A label is attached on the roadside sheet at the front side sheet seam. This label will also provide the inflation pressure of the tires and GVWR. The serial number of the trailer is also stamped on the street side of the A frame by the LPG tanks.

### 2. *Awning suggestions:*

Your Zip Dee awning is intended to provide shade. Your awning can be used in light rain conditions if front or rear is tilted to let water run off. Light winds should not affect awning use. If you are leaving your trailer for long periods or in threatening weather, the awning should be retracted. The Zip Dee website is [www.zipdeeinc.com](http://www.zipdeeinc.com). An instructional video can also be viewed at <http://www.zipdeeinc.com/rv-video.htm>.

### 3. *Cleaning the exterior of my Airstream. Suggestions:*

Airstream recommends washing the trailer using a mild auto detergent safe for clear coated surfaces. Airstream recommends washing based on operating conditions and waxing a minimum of twice a year. Walbernize Superseal is a product that was designed specifically for Airstream and provides good wax protection.

### 4. *Can I use a nylon cover for my Airstream?*

Answer: Airstream does not recommend using any type of cover. The installation and movement of the cover in windy conditions could scratch the clearcoat.

### 5. *My main door is hard to open, is this normal?*

Answer: Your main door is designed differently than a flat surface door. The door is over bent in order to apply more pressure at the top and bottom of door for better sealing. Also, on uneven surfaces, the trailer can be in a slight twist that could affect closing. Make sure trailer is as level as possible.

### 6. *What should I use to clean the aluminum on the interior of my Airstream?*

Answer: The interior aluminum is the same as the exterior aluminum and has a clear coat finish and could be cleaned the same way. For an easy, no mess suggestion, we recommend using a product such as lemon Pledge® for a quick way to remove finger prints and smudges.

### 7. *How do I clean my drapes and upholstery?*

Answer: Drapes may be dry-cleaned. Upholstery may be spot-cleaned. We recommend dry cleaning as the best overall cleaning solution.

### 8. *What is a rubber torsion axle?*

Answer: Your trailer has Dexter rubber torsion axles. This type axle has internal rubber cords that provide load carrying capacity verses leaf spring type axles. Reminder - never jack up trailer using rubber torsion axle tubes!

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**9. *My windows are sticking and don't open easily; what is wrong?***

Answer: Your windows have rubber seals around the edges which in extreme heat and dusty conditions can become sticky. You can help prevent this by regularly cleaning window seals with soapy water and applying a silicone product or Aerospace Protectant 303 to the seals. Clean edge of glass also.

**10. *The mattress in my Airstream is an odd shape, where can I buy sheets?***

Answer: Airstream has a selection of sheets for your Airstream and can be purchased by calling (937) 596-6111 extension 7400 or 7418. You can also access our website at [www.airstream.com](http://www.airstream.com) and click on store.

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