

# INTRODUCTION



The **Owners 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 and trouble-shooting information found in this manual is directed toward those with average mechanical skills.

We also realize you may be more familiar in one area than you are in 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 you may be “getting in over your head” please see your dealer to have the repairs made.

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 more detailed.

All information, illustrations and specifications contained in this manual are based on the latest product information available at the time of publication approval. If and when new materials and production techniques are developed which can

improve the quality of its product, or material substitutions are necessary due to availability, Airstream reserves the right to make such changes.

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



**WARNING** indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



**CAUTION** indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

**NOTICE:** used without the safety alert symbol indicates a situation that could result in property damage if not avoided.

**NOTE:** Important information regarding the maintenance of your recreational vehicle.

### (Optional)

This denotes items that may be an option on all or particular models. Additionally, some optional items can only be included during the manufacturing phase and

cannot be added.

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

### Important Safety Precautions

You'll find many safety recommendations on this page and throughout this manual. The recommendations on the next two pages are the ones we consider to be the most important. They are covered in depth in later sections of this manual.

#### Do Not Allow Passengers to Ride in the Trailer During Travel

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

#### Reducing Fishtailing or Sway (See page C-11)

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. Be sure to follow the instructions in this manual.

Mold (See page C-10)

There are mold and mold spores throughout the indoor and outdoor environment. There is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in the indoor environment; the way to control indoor mold growth is to control moisture.

Towing and Weight Distribution (See section B, B-1-B-3)

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. Be sure to follow the instructions in this manual.

Lug Nut Torquing

Being 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 be familiar with and practice. Inadequate and/or inappropriate wheel nut torque (tightness) is a major reason that lug nuts loosen in service. Loose lug nuts can rapidly lead to a wheel separation with potentially serious safety consequences. Be sure to follow the instructions in this manual.

## **WHEEL SEPARATION CAN OCCUR**

**On first trip, tighten wheel nuts at start of first trip and at 10, 25, and 50**

**miles. Thereafter check wheel nut torque: Before each trip, Following winter storage, Following excessive braking, or whenever a wheel is removed and replaced.**

See torque pattern on page D-12 for tightening sequence and follow torque specifications in the specification chart in the specification section of this manual.

Appliances and Equipment (See section H, pages I-5)

The appliances (stove, refrigerator, outdoor grills, etc.) and equipment (hot water heater, furnace generator, etc.) typically operate on propane gas. Propane gas is flammable and is contained under high pressure. Improper use may result in a fire and/or explosion. Be sure to follow all instructions and warnings in this manual as well as the specific owners' manuals of the appliances and equipment.

Tire Safety (See page D-9)

Properly maintained tires improve the steering, stopping, traction, and load-carrying capability of your vehicle. Underinflated tires and overloaded vehicles are a major cause of tire failure. Be sure to read the Tire Safety Manual Addendum included with your owner's packet.

## Chemical Sensitivity; Ventilation

### Chemical Sensitivity

After you first purchase 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 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 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 and 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

Most of the attention regarding chemical off-gassing surrounds 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 with some individuals being sensitive to it. Ventilation of the unit normally reduces the exposure to a comfortable level.

Trace levels of formaldehyde are released from smoking, cooking, 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, which is the typical usage 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.

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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 that 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 dealer or Airstream.

## 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 indoor air. Please also follow the recommendations contained in Chapter 2 regarding tips to avoid condensation problems. Many of the recommendations contained in Chapter 2 will assist in avoiding exposure to chemicals that off-gas.

## Do Not Smoke

Finally, we recommend that 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

If you have any questions regarding the health effects of formaldehyde, please consult your doctor or local health department.

## Warranty Exclusion

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.

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## AIRSTREAM LIMITED WARRANTY

### WARRANTY COVERAGE

Airstream Inc. (“Airstream”) warrants that 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.

### WHAT IS NOT COVERED BY THIS LIMITED WARRANTY

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, slide-out mechanisms, 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, slideout adjustments, 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



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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.

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;



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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.

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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 WHICH VARY FROM STATE TO STATE.

AIRSTREAM, INC.

419 West Pike Street

P.O. Box 629, Jackson Center, OH 45334-0629

Tele: 937-596-6111

Fax: 937-596-6539

## 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 tires, curtains, upholstery, floor coverings, window, door and vent seals will show wear or may even wear out within the one 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

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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 your Owner's Manual or gross vehicle weight rating plate.

The Airstream axle is manufactured to a tolerance of 1-degree camber and 1/8" 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 which risks are not covered under the warranty. Abnormal tire wear and/or wheel



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alignment resulting from such damage is not covered under the terms of the warranty.



## 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, each and 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 of these 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 you need 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 has been provided with your new trailer. 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 that you contact your local dealer from time to time and bring your list up to date. He can also provide you with additional copies if you need them. ALL CENTERS OPERATE ON AN APPOINTMENT BASIS FOR THE UTMOST EFFICIENCY.

When you require service from the Airstream Factory Service Center, or a

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Certified Dealer Service Center, please contact the service manager for an appointment, and kindly 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

## REPORTING SAFETY DEFECTS

If you believe that 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>.

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### EVERY 1,000 MILES OR 60 DAYS

Escape Window	Check operation of latches and upper hinge.
*Battery	Check water level
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 at more frequent levels. Checking water level does not apply to Glass Mat Batteries.

Note: See appliance manufacturer's literature for further information



**WARNING: FAILURE TO MAINTAIN YOUR COACH CAN CAUSE PREMATURE AND UNEXPECTED PARTS BREAKAGE AND/OR ERRATIC OPERATION THAT MAY BE HAZARDOUS.**

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## 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
Wheel Lug Nuts	<b>See wheel torque instructions, Section D.</b>
Break Away Switch	Pull pin and lubricate with household oil
7-Way Plug	Spray with contact cleaner
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 moving parts and check

## EVERY 10,000 MILES OR 6 MONTHS

Brakes	Inspect, adjust or replace as necessary
Wheel Bearings	Clean and repack
Tires	Inspect and rotate
Spare Tire Carrier	Lubricate moving parts.
Seals, Windows & Door	Clean with mild detergent and coat with "Slipicone".
TV Antenna	Lubricate all moving parts with silicone lubricant.
Exterior	Wax (Do not use an abrasive cleaner or wax).
Escape Window	Lubricate latches with WD-40.

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Battery	Clean, neutralize and coat terminals with petroleum jelly.
A-Frame, Step	Wire brush and paint frame at front and rear.
LP Bottles	Have purged by LP supplier.
Seams: Check and reseal exterior seams, windows, lights and vents as needed. Use Acryl-R seam sealer or equivalent.	
Hitch Coupler and Ball: Check for wear or damage. Assure all parts operate freely. Replace any component if worn or damaged.	

## SUGGESTED MAINTENANCE PARTS AND LUBRICANTS

### BULBS, EXTERIOR

Spot light w/Frosted lens	LED, Sealed, replace light
Single Bulb Light w/switch	LED, WP 05-0005
Exterior clearance, step, license plate	LED, Sealed, replace light
6" Oval Tail Lights	LED, Sealed, replace light
Entrance light	LED, L05-0009

### BULBS, INTERIOR

Single Bulb Light w/switch	LED, WP 05-0005
Reading light	LED, 819
Shower Light	LED, L05-0035
Ceiling Light	LED, Sealed, replace light



**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.

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## FUSES

Radio	ATC 15 Amp
Battery Cable Fuses (Canadian approved trailers only)	SLC 50 Amp
Power Center	20 & 30 amp
	Automotive fuses
Battery Disconnect Relay	ATC 5 amp

## 12-VOLT BREAKERS

Location: just above the floor on roadside interior front end.	50 Amp Type 2
	30 Amp Type 2
	20 Amp Type 2

## MISCELLANEOUS

Water Hose Gaskets	Wheel Bearing Grease
Extra Hair Pin Clips for Hitch	Grease Seals
Dry Graphite	Silicone Lubricant
Light Household Type Oil	Spray Contact Cleaner
Exterior Seam Sealer	
Hitch Ball Lube (May use wheel bearing grease.)	
Oil Can with 30 Weight Non-Detergent Oil	
WD-40 or Equivalent Aerosol Lubricant	





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## TOW VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

If you plan to buy a new vehicle to tow your trailer, we suggest that you include in your purchase the towing options offered by most tow vehicle manufacturers. These include such things as a heavy-duty alternator and radiator, heavy-duty springs (See Note), shock absorbers, transmission cooler, heavy-duty fan and flasher unit and others, depending upon the make of the vehicle.

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 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. American manufacturers realize more than 30% of the vehicles they sell will be used for towing some type of trailer. The dealers are provided with guidelines to use when helping a customer decide on a tow vehicle. The guidelines are not just determined by the power output of the engine. The gear ratio of the differential is also a very important part of the guideline.

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

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 add 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.

**NOTE:** Be realistic when ordering heavy duty springs. Only springs heavy enough to support your loaded vehicle (not including trailer) are necessary. Too harsh of spring rate will only shorten the life of the tow vehicle and trailer, and will make your journeys less enjoyable.

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## ELECTRIC BRAKES

Trailers 25 ft long and longer are equipped with Dexter Nev-R-Adjust brakes while units less than 25 ft long have Dexter standard brakes. Please follow all maintenance procedure in the Dexter users manual provided in the owner's packet.

The brakes are operated by 12 volt current from your tow vehicle and **MUST BE HOOKED UP SO THAT YOU HAVE AN INTEGRAL SYSTEM WITH YOUR TOW VEHICLE BRAKES.** To prevent problems and insure satisfactory braking action, install an electronic controller in line with the brakes in your tow vehicle.

An electronic controller installed in your tow vehicle 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. Follow the directions provided with your controller and keep the information for future reference. Don't be afraid to ask questions! If you don't understand the directions, have the installer explain the procedures.

Due to normal brake lining wear, the brakes and the controller setting should

be checked and readjusted every six months or 10,000 miles whichever comes first.

**Note:** Brake lining adjustment should be periodically checked (fully) to be sure trailer brakes are in the same adjustment as the tow vehicles.

**Properly set adjustments will provide for safe comfortable stops. They will also help assure optimum brake and tire life for both the tow vehicle and the trailer.**

IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENTAL SEPARATION of the tow vehicle and the trailer, the BREAK-AWAY 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. THIS PIN SHOULD BE PULLED OUT, LUBRICATED WITH LIGHT HOUSEHOLD OIL, AND REPLACED EVERY 90 DAYS.

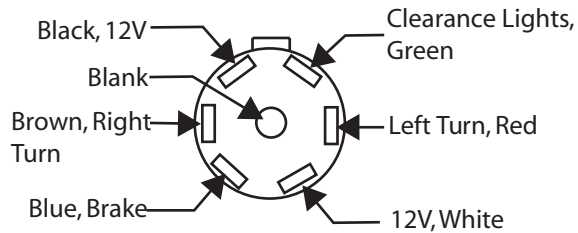
To prevent corrosion within the breakaway switch, pull the switch's pin straight forward and spray the inside of the switch through the hole with an electric contact cleaner (such as Spra-Kleen) and re-insert pin. A drop of light household oil on the groove near the base of the pin will allow the pin to operate freely. 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 wire

loop from the frame. DO NOT REMOVE PIN FROM SWITCH BECAUSE THIS WILL APPLY THE TRAILER BRAKES.



**WARNING:** Do not use breakaway switch for parking brake.

## 7-way Plug Diagram



## LOADING

When you tow 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 an eye toward safety first. 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 operating 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 that load is placed is critical to the way your rig will handle on the road.

Do not try to guess what your recreational vehicle weighs loaded. Load your RV 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 and make sure you are below the GVWR. If you are not overloaded make sure your load is balanced. Do not load too much on one side. A balanced load is much easier to tow or drive. Also, front to back balance is also important. Step back and look at your recreational vehicle. Make sure that there is not too much weight on the hitch or on the rear of the RV. Be sure to secure all items. Loose items can cause damage and be a safety issue if not properly secured. Below is a sample of the Cargo Carrying Capacity tag provided on all Airstream vehicles. This tag can be found on the inside of the main door screen door.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TRAILER CARGO CARRYING CAPACITY  
VIN #####  
THE WEIGHT OF CARGO SHOULD NEVER EXCEED  
XXX kg or XXX lbs  
CAUTION  
A full load of water equals XXX kg or XXX lbs of cargo @ 1 kg/L (8.3 lb/gal)

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Airstream weighs the vehicle as finished to arrive at the Vehicle Weight. That number is subtracted from the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (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 vehicle it is important to keep the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating, Gross Axle Weight Ratings, Tire Weight Ratings (listed on the vehicle Tire Information Placard), and Cargo in mind. These ratings should never be exceeded. Your safety depends on not overloading the trailer, trailer axles, and tires. See the specification section for rating list.



**WARNING:** Never add items such as generators, heavy toolboxes or motorcycle racks to the back of the trailer. Weight behind the axle will tend to magnify any sway that may occur when passing trucks or in gusty wind. If a heavy generator is mounted on the rear bumper what may have been an almost unnoticeable sway turns into a severe sway you may not be able to control.

**NOTICE:** Damage to your trailer caused by mounting heavy objects on the rear is considered abuse, and is not covered by warranty.

## WEIGHING YOUR TRAILER

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



When loading heavy objects such as tools, skillets, irons, and boxes of canned goods, etc. keep them as low as possible - preferably on the floor. Try to hold additional weight behind the axle to a minimum.



**WARNING:** The allowable personal cargo must be distributed in your trailer in such a manner that the Gross Axle Weight Rating is not exceeded.

To determine this, 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 as shown on the following pages.

Place the trailer on a scale with both axles only on the scale (see 2). If the weight on the axles exceeds the axle system GAWR, then some of the personal cargo must be redistributed forward in order to place some of this weight on

the tongue.

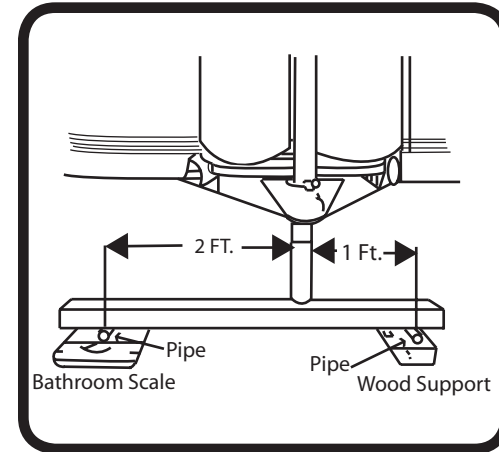
The tongue weight should be in between 10% - 15% of the trailer's total weight, but must not exceed the manufacturer's maximum recommended hitch weight of the tow vehicle or hitch. To determine tongue load, unhitch tow vehicle and place the tongue hitch post on a scale. The trailer must be properly loaded 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).

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 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 you read scales.



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## HITCHING UP

Hitching up your trailer is something that will become almost second nature with practice. The following section includes proper hitch load distribution and a procedure for hitching up.

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### Equalizing Hitch Load Distribution

When a trailer is hitched up properly 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, 1/3 of this weight transfer will be carried by the front wheels and 1/3 by the rear wheels of the tow vehicle (See diagram), 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 14% of the trailer's total weight. **Under no condition should it exceed the hitch rating.** Your hitch installer should provide your hitch rating information to you.

## Sway Control Device

Although Airstream has not intruded into the hitch manufacturers field of expertise and preformed formal testing, we find the vast majority of Airstream owners purchases 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's our understanding the sway control devices will reduce the amount of movement and make towing more comfortable and add some safety.

Follow the directions of the sway control manufacturer when having it installed and using it.

### Steps for Hitching Up

**The following steps are for a typical hitch system and are not meant to supersede instructions and training provided for the hitch installed on your tow vehicle. Please follow instructions and training provided with your hitch and its installer.**

1. Jack up the trailer hitch until there is clearance for the HITCH BALL to slide under. Remove the safety pin, slide the locking lever forward and raise. Back



the tow vehicle straight back to the hitch. This can best be accomplished through the use of prearranged hand signals with the help of another person; but if you are hitching up by yourself we recommend the use of a HOOK-UP VIEW MIRROR.

2. Lower the trailer hitch onto the hitch ball. Then close the locking lever and insert safety pin.

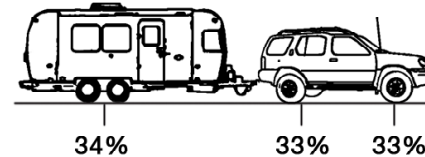
3. Now raise the trailer and tow vehicle to the full height of the hitch jack and then attach the LEVELING BARS. Lever the tension on the bars. Lower the tow vehicle and trailer.

The hitch ball should be level to slightly higher. Readjust leveling bars until this condition is correct by increasing or decreasing the length the chain engaged in "A" frame saddle bracket. Short chain raises hitch ball, longer chain lowers it. A level condition will result in the best balance for towing and steering control as the weight-equalizing hitch distributes the hitch load.

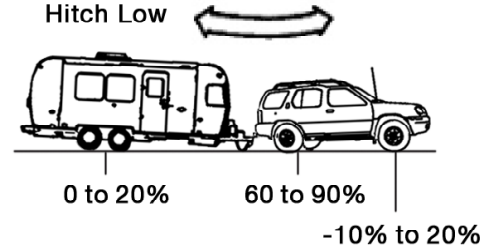
A low hitch ball increases tail wagging tendencies by lowering the nose of the trailer, thus changing the center of support for the trailer and reducing the weight on the four wheels of the tow vehicle. With proper hitch installation and hitching up, the bar should have a noticeable amount of the deflection or bending. A little practice with your rig will teach you how far to pull the bar; you

Percentage of Tongue Load distributed to car and or trailer wheels

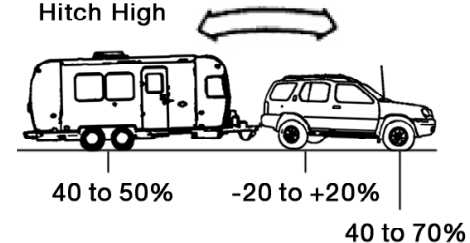
### Proper installation



### Hitch Low



### Hitch High



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may wish to mark the chain links that match your rig.

Always choose level ground for checking correct hookup.

**B** **Note:** If your tow vehicle is equipped with adjustable load leveling air shocks, you must load the tow vehicle first with typical luggage and passengers and bring it back to level. Then attach the trailer and adjust the load leveling bars. Otherwise the air shocks on the tow vehicle will overload the rear wheels. **Do not use air shocks to level tow vehicle and trailer after hitching up.**

**Note:** Leveling the trailer end to end, then measuring from the ground to the inside top of the ball socket determines hitch ball height for the tow vehicle

4. Attach the safety chains to the welded portion of the hitch or tow vehicle's frame, but never to the removable ball mount. Cross the safety chains under the hitch.

5. Remove the jack pad and stow in the tow vehicle's trunk along with the leveling jack and other gear used when stopped.

**NOTICE:** Check that the foldaway step is up and **LOCKED** in its store position and that the main door is completely closed and the dead bolt **LOCKED** for towing. If they are not locked the constant vibration of travel

may cause them to open with possible damage.

**NOTICE:** Retract the hitch jack completely for maximum ground clearance. **NEVER TOW YOUR TRAILER WITH THE JACK DOWN.**

6. Move the rig ahead about 50 feet and test the trailer brakes, then check the ground for forgotten objects. Regularly check the condition of your tires, air pressure, and the tightness of your lug nuts.

## **NOTICE! CHECK WHEEL NUTS**

On first trip, tighten wheel nuts at start and at 10, 25, and 100 miles. **See Chart in Specification Section in this manual for wheel torque ratings.** There after, check wheel nuts before each trip, after excessive braking, and following winter storage.

## TOWING TIPS

A few hours of towing practice in a large empty supermarket lot will make pulling your trailer over the road much easier. Line out two corners for left and right turns. You may also use these corners to practice backing and parking.

After thoroughly inspecting your hitch, brakes, and tires you should be ready to tow. Check traffic, signal that 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.**

We want every owner to be a safe and courteous driver. On a two-lane road cars may be lining up behind you because you travel at a lower speed. It is both courteous and sensible 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.

The BRAKE CONTROLLER is activated when you apply the brakes of the tow vehicle. Your tow vehicle brakes will automatically apply the trailer brakes first when properly adjusted. This will help keep your tow vehicle and trailer in a straight line and make you stop as if you were driving the tow vehicle alone.

If swaying or swerving should occur, briefly operating the controller separate from the vehicle brakes may help correct the situation. Practice this maneuver on a clear highway. Don't wait for an emergency then grope for the controller. Please read the Controlling Sway and Fishtailing text in the Camping section of this manual.

When trailering 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, or driving long idle periods in traffic jams. If the hot indicator light comes on, or the temperature gauge indicates overheating and you have your air conditioner turned on, turn it off. Pull over in a safe place and put on your emergency brake. Don't turn off the engine. Increase the engine idle speed. Lift the engine hood and check for fluid leaks at the radiator overflow outlet. Check to see that all drive belts are intact and the 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. Ten minutes later resume normal driving.



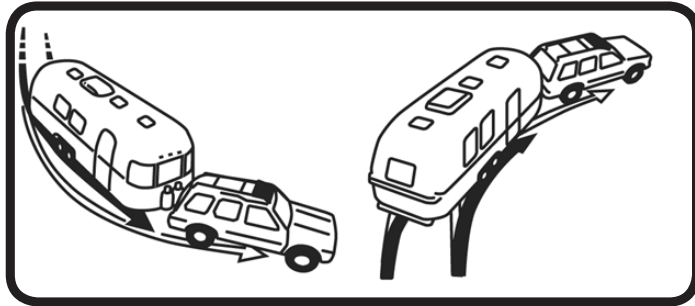
**DANGER:** Never open a radiator cap when the tow vehicle is hot. Check the coolant level when the vehicle is cool. Read your tow vehicles owner's manual and follow all instructions on the cooling system.

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## Tracking

OBSERVE THAT THE TRACKS MADE BY THE TRAILER WHEELS ARE DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE MADE BY THE TOW VEHICLE.

**B** Studying this will make it easier for you to correct mistakes. Truck or trailer type fender or door grip rear view mirrors are a must for maximum visibility and in most states the law requires them.

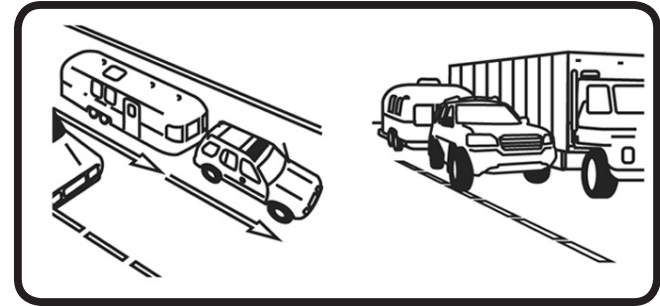


## Passing

ON FREEWAYS OR EXPRESSWAYS try to pick the lane you want and 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.

When going downhill in dry weather, down shift so that 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.

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.

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.



**WARNING:** When stopping on a hill or slope, leaving your tow vehicle in gear is not enough for standstill safety. **CHOCK THE TRAILER WHEELS.** Do not use trailer brakes as parking brakes.

## Backing Up

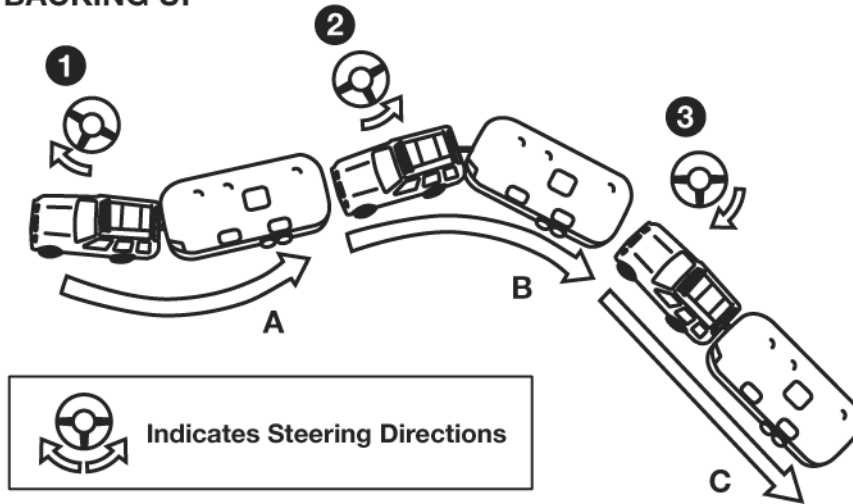
In BACKING UP the important thing to remember is to DO EVERYTHING SLOWLY and to correct immediately if you see the trailer turning the wrong way. Concentrate on the rear of the trailer. With your tow vehicle and trailer in a straight line back up slowly and turn the bottom of the steering wheel in the direction you want the trailer to go. Watch out the window or in the mirror until the rear of the trailer is pointing in the desired direction. Your 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. (See Illustration) 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.

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.

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## BACKING UP



Position (A) start. Turn steering wheel as shown in (1) will put you in trailer Position (B). Turning steering wheel show in position (2) puts you in trailer position (C). Steering position (3) returns front wheels for straight backing.

## SUGGESTED PRE-TRAVEL CHECK LIST

### Interior Trailer

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 stack securely 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 and dead bolt.

### Exterior Trailer

1. Disconnect and stow the electrical hookup cord, the sewer hookup hose (flush out), and the water hookup hose.
2. Turn off gas at LP tanks.

3. Retract stabilizing jacks.
4. Check Hitch: It must be properly attached.
5. Check safety chains and breakaway switch cable.
6. Fully retract jack. Remove and stow jack stand, foot, or wood block.
7. Check clearance, turn signals, and stop lights.
8. Check lug nuts.
9. Check tires for correct pressure.
10. Check that TV antenna is properly stowed.
11. Lock main door dead bolt.
12. Adjust tow vehicle mirrors.
13. Pull forward some 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, (or two 25 ft. sections).
2. "Y" connection for water hose.
3. The 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-ampere capacity.

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8. 25 ft. electric cord, 10-3, 30-ampere capacity.
9. Woodblocks for leveling.
10. Wheel chocks.
11. Hydraulic jacks.
12. Cross type lug wrench.
13. Torque Wrench
14. Quality tire gauge.
15. Emergency road warning triangle.

## Home

1. Leave house key with your neighbors
2. Valuables and important papers should be stored in a safe place.
3. Newspaper, milk and other deliveries should be discontinued.
4. Ask the Post Office to hold your mail for you.
5. Arrange with the telephone company for discontinued or “vacation service”.
6. Arrange care for your pets.
7. Your lawn, garden and houseplants should be cared for.
8. Lock all windows and doors securely. Keep shades open for a lived in look.
9. Cover all food to keep out mice and insects.
10. Eliminate all fire hazards. Place matches in a tin box or glass jar.
11. Store oil, gasoline, and other flammables properly.
12. Destroy all newspapers, magazines and oily rags.

13. Notify police of your departure and return dates.

## Personal

1. Tow vehicle insurance to cover you and your family fully along with proof of insurance.
2. Try to avoid large amounts of cash. Use Travelers Checks and credit cards.
3. Confirm reservations.
4. Have sunglasses, sun block, and bug spray for everyone.
5. Pack camera and film.
6. Make a checklist of clothing for everyone, and toilet articles.
7. Prescribed medications.
8. Birth certificate, Passport.
9. Medical insurance cards.

## Motoring Essentials

1. Display the tow vehicle and trailer registration properly.
2. Carry valid drivers license.
3. In Mexico must have special auto insurance.
4. Carry an extra set of the ignition and truck keys in a separate pocket, or in your wallet.
5. Keep an operating flashlight with fresh batteries in the glove compartment.



6. Pack so that you can reach the tools and spare tire without completely unpacking.
7. Keep sharp or hard articles securely packed wherever they may be.
8. Do not packed things in the passenger seating area. You need the maximum space for comfort.
9. Wear easy wash, drip-dry traveling clothes.
10. Do not make your vacation trips a mileage marathon. Stop and relax frequently.
11. Carry a first-aid kit.
12. Carry your pet's dish, food, leash, and health and registration papers.
13. In Canada you'll need a non-residence liability insurance card, birth certificate and/or Passport.

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## SAFETY

### ESCAPE WINDOW OPERATION

Make sure you, and everyone traveling with you can operate the main door and the emergency exit window(s) rapidly without light. Contemplate other means of escape in case the designated exits are blocked. Run frequent emergency drills. The escape windows(s) are identified by red release handles and are opened by lifting up both latches, then turning the latches toward the center. Push out on the glass and it will swing clear. The window operation should be checked each trip and the latches lubricated with WD-40 or equivalent every six months. A loop is provided in the SCREEN RETAINING SPLINE so it can be rapidly removed. Take hold of the loop and pull the rubber spline out of the screen frame. The window screen can then be easily pushed out.



#### **WARNINGS:**

- **Learn and practice the escape window operation.**
- **Check the emergency escape route outside your escape window at every stop. 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. Never park your trailer so the escape windows cannot be easily used for emergency exits.**

- **You and all your family should practice escape procedures so they can be rapidly accomplished even in total darkness. Never block the interior or exterior access to the emergency escape windows.**
- **Read the directions carefully on the fire extinguisher. If there is any doubt on the operation, you and your family should practice, then replace or recharge the extinguisher. You will find your local fire department or any fire safety service will be happy to assist you and answer any questions.**
- **Maintain and check smoke detector per its owner's manual recommendations.**
- **Always shut off the LP gas when gasoline is added to the tow vehicle.**



#### **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!**

We have all heard these warnings many times, but they are still among the leading causes of fires.

Other safety information on the LPG system of your trailer is located in the plumbing section of this manual.

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## OVERNIGHT STOP

Airstream owners have parked virtually 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 electrical, water and sewer hookups. Directories are published which described 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 rundown the battery which supplies 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 which lists 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.



**WARNING:** Do not park in a manner that would prevent the escape windows from opening.

Try to pick as level a parking spot as possible. Stabilizing jacks or blocks probably won't be required during 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 this 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 LP gas and light any appliances with pilots.

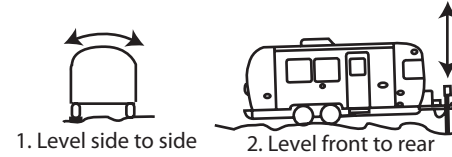
Before moving on, check your campsite for both cleanliness and also be sure you haven't left anything behind. Turn off the gas supply and make sure everything is properly stowed. Use your PRE-TRAVEL CHECK LIST and you are ready for more travel adventure.

## 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.

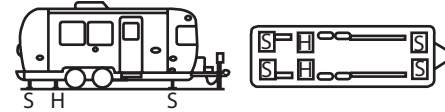
When you plan to stay in the same place for several days, weeks or months, you will want your trailer to be as level and steady as possible. Check the attitude with a small spirit level set on the inside work counter or the trailer hitch "A-Frame". (See Diagram) If a correction is necessary then **YOU MUST LEVEL FROM SIDE TO SIDE FIRST** This can be done easily by backing the trailer up one or more 2" x 6" boards. 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 you are level. Block or chock the wheels to keep the trailer from rolling. Use **STABILIZING JACKS** at the two rear corners as shown in the diagram to eliminate the natural spring action of the axles. **STABILIZING JACKS** should only be used to stabilize trailer.



1. Level side to side

2. Level front to rear

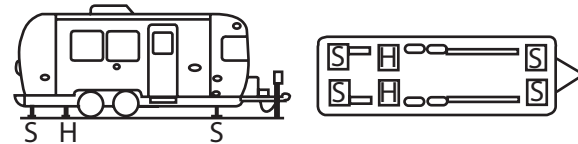


H-Hydraulic Jack Position

S-Stabilizing Jack Position



**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 or HITCH JACK TO LIFT THE TRAILER.**



H-Hydraulic Jack Position

S-Stabilizing Jack Position

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## HOOK UPS

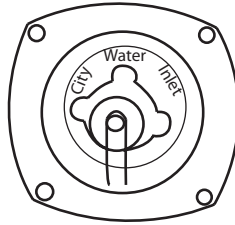
Hook up to **city water** by attaching a ½" minimum high-pressure water hose to the city water service. Be sure all drain valves and the water heater bypass valve is in the use position and turn on the city water tap. Open the hot side of the galley or lavatory faucet. For some time the open faucet will 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 come 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 system is now ready for use with the city water feed.

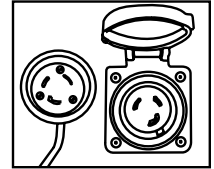


**WARNING:** Hydrogen gas can be produced in a hot water system served by this heater that has not been used for a long period of time (generally two weeks or more). Hydrogen gas is extremely flammable. To reduce the risk of injury under these conditions, it is recommended that the hot water faucet be opened for several minutes at the kitchen sink before using any electrical appliance connected to the hot water system.



If hydrogen is present there will probably be an unusual sound such as air escaping through the pipe as the water begins to flow. There should be no smoking or open flame near the faucet at the time it is open.

The Power Cord hook-up is on the roadside 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.



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

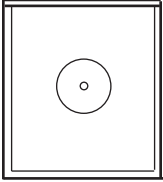
Hook your SEWER WATER DRAIN HOSE in the SEWER DISPOSAL FACILITY and attach to the drain outlet in your trailer.

Turn on gas supply. Light the range and oven pilots. Turn on the water heater, refrigerator and furnace.

When you stay for an extended period where electric or water hookups are not available, you must make regular checks on the charge condition of your 12-volt battery system. Hooking up the tow vehicle/trailer electrical connector and running the tow vehicle engine at a fast idle. 45 minutes per day should provide about 3-4 hours of power. Carry drinking water in a clean bucket to refill

your tank. When your waste tank nears capacity move to a dumping location.

## CABLE TV INLET

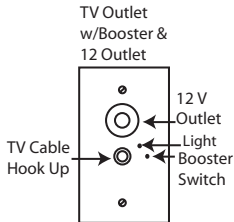


Located on the side of your trailer is a gray cable TV inlet. Lifting the cover reveals the receptacle to connect cable TV and satellite TV receivers to your trailer.

## Remote Generator Hook Up

On units 25 ft and longer a remote generator hook up will be located on the front plate of the trailer just behind the LPG bottles. A generator can be plugged into the 110-volt system using this plug and a power cord supplied separately with this option.

## 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.

**NOTE:** The TV Booster must be on to receive antenna signals and off for cable TV operation.

Please review the antenna and booster manuals include in your owner's packet before operating the system.

Interior TV hook-up locations:

The 16 ft. model has the booster w/outlet on the curbside bedroom wall with an outlet under the front dinette.

The 19 ft. model booster and outlet is on the bedroom curbside wall.

The 23 ft. and 23 ft. Front Bed models has the booster w/outlet on the curbside bedroom wall with an outlet located under the front dinette table.

The 25 ft. Front bed model has the TV booster located under the dinette with an outlet above the refrigerator, and one on the curbside bedroom wall.

The 27' Front Bed model has the booster located on the wall in front of the refrigerator and an outlet under the dinette and one on the curbside bedroom wall.

The 28 ft. model is under the dinette, above the rear dinette seat back on the curbside wall, and a bedroom outlet is located on the roadside wall.

The 30 ft. model has the TV booster located in the top of the TV recessed cabinet and an outlet in the bedroom.



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## Antenna/Cable/Satellite TV

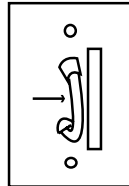
If you compare the two drawings you'll see wiring for a satellite dish antenna is relatively simple.

Units have a faceplate with two coax cable hook-ups. The faceplate has a small coax cable jumper running between the hook-ups to complete the cable TV circuit when in use.

To install a satellite system use the following procedure:

1. Remove the jumper wire from the coax faceplate.
2. Hook a portable dish into the Cable TV receptacle in the roadside rear underbelly compartment. This feeds the dish signal to the input side of the faceplate.

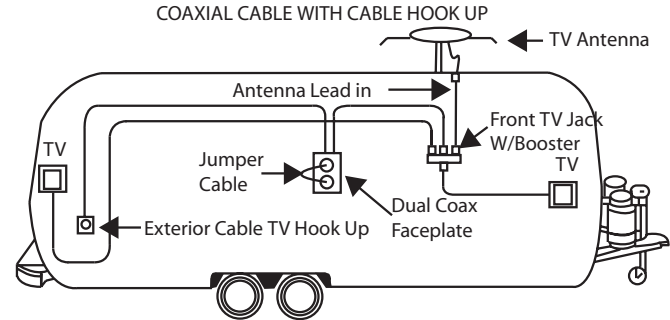
Satellite Jumper Wire



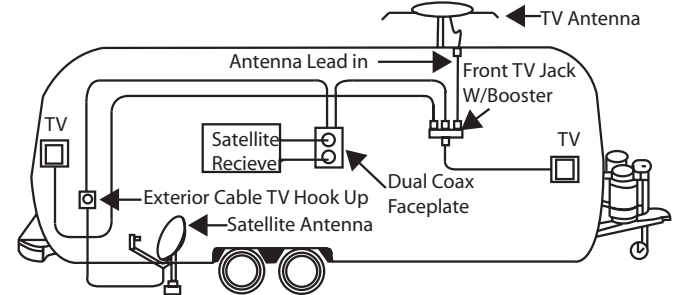
3. Install the satellite receiver input and output into the dual coax faceplate.

To return to a cable TV system:

1. Remove the satellite receiver from the faceplate and reinstall the jumper cable.



COAXIAL CABLE WITH SATELLITE HOOK UP



2. Turn Booster Off.
  3. Be sure cable TV provider is hooked up to exterior inlet.
- Antenna activation:



## Rear TV Pre-Wire

Trailers have an HDMI cable pre-wired from the BlueRay player to the rear TV mounting location. The cable is coiled by the player and behind a wall plate located by the second TV mounting area. When adding an aftermarket TV, disconnect the HDMI cable to the standard TV from the player, add an HDMI splitter to the BlueRay player output, plug the standard TV HDMI back into the splitter, plug the coiled 2nd TV DMI into the splitter, pull the HDMI cable from behind the wall plate and plug into the aftermarket TV.

1. Turn booster on.

2. Raise and adjust antenna. Jumper cable must be installed to operate on antenna.

Satellite TV two coax cable hook-up locations:

16 ft. N/A

19 ft model is on the curbside bedroom wall.

23 ft., 23 ft. Front Bed, 25 ft. and 27 ft., models are under the dinette table.

28 ft. model is under the galley dinette.

30 ft. model is in the bedroom recessed TV cabinet next to booster.

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## 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 on a constant temperature. It is easier for the furnace to keep a constant room temperature than for the trailer temperature to be allowed to drop 50 degrees Fahrenheit then attempt to raise it to a comfortable level.

**NOTICE:** If you have the optional air conditioners with heat pump they should not be used if ambient temperatures remain below 25 degrees F. for more than 12 hours.

Only the furnaces are ducted to provide heat to tanks and plumbing to prevent freezing. The furnace supplies heat to the water lines and tanks on all models.

Heat must be maintained inside your trailer to prevent the water lines and tanks from freezing. The exterior city water hose must be protected from freezing with heat tape.

**NOTICE:** If at any time the exterior temperature makes it difficult to maintain temperature inside your trailer above the freezing mark all winterizing procedures should be performed immediately. Freezing of liquid and solid wastes in the holding tanks could damage equipment.



**WARNING:** Always shut off the LP gas and be sure all flames are extinguished before gasoline is added to the tow vehicle.

Some states do not allow LPG to be turned on while moving. While traveling in these states you must 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 raising? Remember, when towing at 50 MPH the wind chill factor will cause the interior of the trailer to cool much faster than a trailer that is parked.

When parked in sub-freezing temperatures make sure you keep a full supply of LP gas 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. The relatively small volume and tight compact construction of modern recreation vehicles mean that the normal living activities of even a few occupants will lead to rapid moisture saturation of the air contained in the trailer and the appearance of visible moisture, especially in cold weather.

Just as moisture collects on the outside of a glass of cold water during humid weather, 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. Estimates indicate that a family of four can vaporize up to three 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 condensation problem. When you recognize the signs of excessive moisture and condensation in the

trailer action should be taken to minimize their effects. For tips on controlling condensation see the “Tips To Controlling Condensation” section.

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

## TIPS TO CONTROLLING CONDENSATION

Allow excess moisture to escape to the outside when bathing, washing dishes, hair drying, laundering, and using appliances and non-vented gas burners.

Always use the vent hood when cooking.

Keep the bathroom door closed and the vent or window open when bathing and for a period of time after you have finished.

Do not hang wet clothes in the trailer to dry.

In hot weather, start the air conditioner early as it removes excess humidity from the air while lowering the temperature.

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Keep the temperature as reasonably cool during cold weather as possible. The warmer the vehicle, the more cold exterior temperatures and warm interior temperatures will collide on wall surfaces, thus creating condensation.

Use a fan to keep air circulating inside the vehicle so condensation and mildew cannot form in dead air spaces. Allow air to circulate inside closets and cabinets (leave doors partially open). Please keep in mind that a closed cabinet full of stored goods prevents circulation and allows the exterior temperature to cause condensation.

The natural tendency would be to close the vehicle tightly during cold weather. This will actually compound the problem. Simply put, you need to remove some of the warm air, and allow some cool outside air to get inside the vehicle, so the furnace will not recycle the humid interior air.

Use fluorescent ceiling lights and minimize prolonged use of incandescent lights, which produce heat and contribute to condensation in the roof above the ceiling lights.

## **ABOUT MOLDS**

### **What are 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. Knowing the potential risks is important for any type of homeowner to protect their investment.

### **What factors contribute to mold growth?**

For mold growth to occur, temperatures, indoor or outdoors, must be between 40 degrees and 100 degrees Fahrenheit and 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.

### **How can mold growth be inhibited?**

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 and constant use 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 RV or cleaning regularly is an important preventive measure. Further, 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 RV and its accessories, as described both in this manual and in accompanying literature, will provide the best protection to the RV.

For more information of controlling moisture in the RV, please read, “Tips to Controlling Condensation,” located in this manual.

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

## **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 or crosswinds or 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 inflated to the pressure recommended as noted on the exterior of the trailer and in the owner’s manuals of the trailer and tow vehicle.

Your trailer brakes should work in synchronization with your tow vehicle brakes. Never use your tow vehicle or trailer brakes alone to stop the combined load. Your brake controller must be set up according to the manufacturer’s specifications to ensure proper synchronization between the tow vehicle and the trailer. Additionally, you may have to make small adjustments occasionally to

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accommodate changing loads and driving conditions.

Also, we recommend a hitch with built-in sway control be provided for your unit. Please consult your dealer regarding this equipment, as the RV manufacturer does not provide sway control devices.



**Tongue weight** – The tongue weight should be between 10% to 15% of the total travel trailer weight.

**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 (independent of the tow vehicle brakes) 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. Don't 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. 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.**

**4. 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.**

As a general rule of thumb we recommend the trailer be washed about every four weeks and waxed in the spring and fall. In coastal and industrial areas cleaning and waxing should be done on a more frequent schedule. When traveling through winter weather all road treatment chemicals should be removed immediately.

**NOTICE: 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 trailer. NEVER rub hard on the coating. Even the softest rag will damage the coating if excessive pressure is applied.**

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 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. WHEN WASHING OR POLISHING YOUR TRAILER, ALWAYS WIPE “WITH” THE GRAIN OF THE METAL.

After cleaning and drying, a good grade of nonabrasive 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 sap, gum, resin, asphalt, etc. as soon as possible after they appear 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, paint the “A’ frame, LPG tanks, and rear frame periodically.

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 regularly. If this material has dried out 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



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sealing material is available from your Airstream dealer.

Precautions should be taken to prevent excessive sealant from getting on the coated surfaces. Remove excessive sealant before it cures using DX 330 Acryli-Clean made by PPG Industries as explained above.

**NOTICE: It may be possible for solvents other than those recommended to extract materials from sealants that could stain the coated surface or could prove harmful to the sealants; therefore, these possible effects must be considered. Test a small area first.**

## 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 a turning the knob.

A main door hold back is mounted on the side sheet. 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.

A little grease in the striker pockets and slight amount of household oil in the lock mechanisms will keep the locks operating smoothly.

Don't forget to lubricate the hinge pins periodically with household oil also. Use sparingly and remove any excess from exterior skin immediately.

**NOTICE: When towing, the door lock and dead bolt must be secured. If they are not locked, the constant vibration of travel may cause the door to open with possible damage.**

## Screen Door

The screen door secures to the main door by means of 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. For easier access to the interior main door handle, remember to leave the screen door plastic closeout in the open position when closing the main door.

## Step

To operate the step, lift up and pull the step towards you, then lower the step down into position.



**CAUTION: Once the step is lowered, press down on it to make sure it is secure. Never travel with step lowered or extended.**



## Exterior Windows

The windows in your trailer are safety glass. To open: release the two lever locks at the bottom, lift up on the two side operator handles until the window is in the desired position, and place the operators into one of the three positioning slots on the side of the frame. To lock the windows reverse this position

Clean your trailer windows the same way you clean the windows in your home. Clean the seals with a damp cloth or mild detergent every three to six months, taking care not to 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. For replacement of a damaged window contact an Airstream Service Center.



**DANGER:** 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.

Your PLASTIC SCREENS are easy to maintain. Clean occasionally with a damp cloth. Note: They will melt at the point of contact if touched by a cigarette.

## Window Stoneguard

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 stoneguard 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 may be equipped with stainless steel protectors covering the lower corner wraps. The protectors provided added protection from road damage. The protectors can be moved out of the way for cleaning the shell by unbolting and swinging the protectors forward on the hinge.

## Awnings

Complete instructions have been provided with your awning. You should make sure your traveling companion is familiar with the operation of the awning. If a

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sudden wind should come up, or if high wind is forecast, the awning should be retracted, stowed and travel locks engaged. Awnings should be extended at an angle to encourage the run off of rain. Awning damage such as a bent tube, torn canvas, or broken arms due to high winds or water standing on the canvas are not covered by warranty. Use the center support bar if your patio awning is so equipped.

**NOTICE:** Travel locks on all awnings must be engaged before traveling.

## Chassis

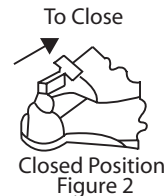
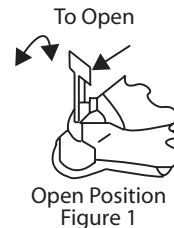
The standard RECOMMENDED HITCH BALL HEIGHT for your Airstream is listed in the “Specifications” section of this manual. If you plan long trips with the trailer heavily loaded, you should check your trailer, after loading, to determine the optimum height. To check, park the trailer on a level surface 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.

## COUPLER OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS



**WARNING:** ALWAYS OPEN LATCH HANDLE BEFORE INSERTING BALL.

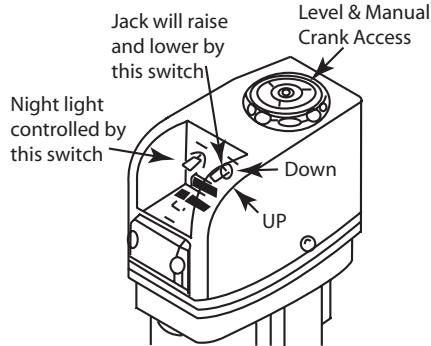
1. To open - slide forward and pull up to open latch before inserting ball (Figure 1)
2. Place coupler on ball of same diameter as coupler and of same or greater capacity.
3. When ball is completely nested in socket, push top of latch handle rearward until handle snaps into closed position. (Figure 2)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



## POWER JACK

Hi-Power Acme 3,000

A switch located on the bottom of the housing operates the power jack. When the jack is fully extended or retracted internal limit switches automatically shut off the motor. The jack is wired directly to the battery with an inline fuse.



**WARNING:** Keep hands and feet from under the foot plate when using the jack.

When the high-powered jack reaches the end of its travel, (either raising or lowering) internal limit switches automatically shut motor off.

Dolly wheels are not recommended.



**WARNING:** Avoid the risk of injury to yourself and others.

- Use the jack for lifting the trailer only

- Never get beneath the travel trailer when only the power jack supports it.
- Support the vehicle by appropriate means.

If an electrical failure should ever occur the emergency handle may be inserted into the jack post and the jack can be raised or lowered. Access can be obtained by twisting the level cap off.

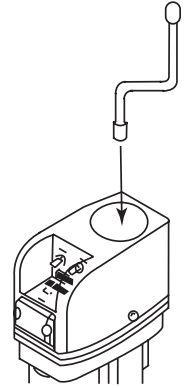
If power head is removed the crank can still be used.

**NOTICE:** If power head is removed it must be synchronized with the jack post.

**NOTICE:** Leave tow vehicle transmission in neutral when lifting both units. Dolly wheels are not recommended. Always retract stabilizing jacks before using your jack under load.



**WARNING:** Do not use the electric toggle switch (raise and lower) with the manual crank in place on the jack post. The crank will spin if the switch activates the motor and will cause serious injury. Use your battery disconnect switch to cut power to the jack.



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## Maintenance

Once a year the power head should be removed and a liberal amount of grease (preferably a grease with high melting point) applied directly to the coupling on which the drive pin rests. DO NOT POUR OIL into the top of the jack post.

Once a year the housing cover should be removed and the gears inspected for proper lubrication. Remove 4 screws and tap around the edges of the housing to free the cover. DO NOT insert screwdriver blade, this may damage mating surfaces. If lubrication is needed, use Mobilith 460 grease or its equivalent.

## AXLE AND RUNNING GEAR

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

**NOTICE:** Never allow heat to be applied to the axle tube since the rubber providing the spring torsion action will be severely damaged.

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

The worse culprit is a curb because they are normally struck at an angle. Surprisingly rear axles are occasionally damaged when people are attempting to park beside a curb and are backing up their trailer.

As you look under your trailer is it normal for the axle to be bent up in the middle. This bend is how the camber is obtained.

Toe-in is built into the axle by very slight bends in the axle tube on each end.

If tire wear ever indicate misalignment check with your dealer for the nearest location having the proper equipment.

## Rubber torsion Axle Alignment Specifications

Toe-In each side 1/16"	Tolerance 1/16" + or -
Camber each side ¾° positive	Tolerance ¾° + or -

## Nev-R-Lube Drums/Bearings

Wide body trailers, 25 ft and over, are equipped with Nev-R-Lube bearings. Dexter's Nev-R-Lube bearings are comprised of opposed tapered roller bearing cones sealed inside of a precision ground, one piece double cup arrangement. These bearings are designed with a small amount of axial end play. The end play is essential to the longevity of the bearings service life.

## Nev-R-Lube Bearing Inspection

1. Jack trailer at marked jack location pad behind axle on main frame.
2. Check for excessive wheel end clearance by pulling the tire assembly towards you and by pushing the assembly away from you. Slight end play is acceptable.
3. Rotate tire slowly forwards and backwards. The wheel assembly should turn freely and smoothly.
4. Excessive wheel end play, restriction to rotation, noise, or “bumpy” rotation should be remedied by replacing the bearing unit.
5. Bearing units should be inspected every year or 12,000 miles whichever comes first.

A slight amount of grease weeping from the seal area is normal. Excessive leakage may indicate abnormal bearing operation. Bearing end play inspection, drum removal/installation, and bearing replacement procedures are described in the Dexter Operation Maintenance Manual enclosed in you owner's packet. Airstream recommends that these procedures are preformed by a qualified Dexter service technician due the need of specialized tools and training.

Narrow body trailers, under 25 ft, should be maintained as follows:

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.

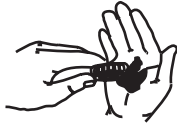
4. Remove dust cap.
5. Remove spindle nut and washer.
6. Remove bearings, hub and rotor.
7. Lay down hub and rotor with inside grease seal down. Knock out inner bearing and grease seal using wood or plastic dowel and hammer.
8. Clean all parts thoroughly with kerosene.
9. Check all bearings and races 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” endplay in hub. If not, back off one notch.
17. Check the lug nuts at 10, 25, and again at 50 miles of travel after replacing

**See Chart in Specification Section in this manual for wheel torque ratings, page I-1.**



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When greasing 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's not necessary to fill the hub and dust cap with grease.



you or call the manufacturer of the controller.

In THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENTAL SEPARATION of the tow vehicle and 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. THIS PIN SHOULD BE PULLED OUT, LUBRICATED WITH LIGHT HOUSEHOLD OIL AND REPLACED EVERY 90 DAYS.

To prevent corrosion within the breakaway switch, turn your trailer battery disconnect to "STORE", pull the switch's pin straight forward and spray the inside of the switch through the hole with an electric contact cleaner (such as Spra-Kleen) and reinsert the pin. A drop of light household oil on the groove near the base of the pin will allow the pin to operate freely. 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 trailer from tow vehicle remove wire loop from the frame. DO NOT REMOVE PIN FROM SWITCH BECAUSE THIS WILL APPLY THE TRAILER BRAKES.



**WARNING:** Do not use breakaway switch for parking brake or leave the pin out for longer than a few minutes with the battery disconnect in the "USE" position.

## ELECTRIC BRAKES

A CONTROLLER installed in your tow vehicle will synchronize the trailer brakes with your tow vehicle brakes. It is designed to apply the trailer brakes whenever the tow vehicle brakes are applied.

## TYPICAL ELECTRONIC CONTROLLER

ELECTRONIC CONTROLLERS are inertially activated. The controller senses deceleration and generates an output, which reflects the inertia sensed. When you are stationary, the controller does not apply the brakes unless the manual slide bar is activated.

**NOTE:** Study all material provided with your particular brake control. If you don't understand the information, have the installer explain the information to

## HOW TO USE YOUR ELECTRIC BRAKES PROPERLY

Your trailer brakes are designed to work in synchronization with your tow vehicle brakes. Never use your tow vehicle or trailer brakes alone to stop the combined load.

Your trailer and tow vehicle will seldom have the right amperage flow to the brake magnets to give you comfortable, safe braking unless you make proper brake system adjustments. Changing trailer load and driving conditions as well as uneven alternator and battery output can mean unstable current flow to your brake magnets. It is therefore imperative that you maintain and adjust your brakes as set forth in this manual, use a properly modulated brake controller, and perform the synchronization procedure noted below

In addition to the synchronization adjustment detailed below, electric brake controllers provide a modulation function that varies the current to the electric brakes with the pressure on the brake pedal. It is important that your brake controller provide approximately 2 volts to the braking system when the brake pedal is first depressed and gradually increase the voltage to 12 volts as brake pedal pressure is increased. If the controller “jumps” immediately to a high voltage output, even during a gradual stop, then the electric brakes will always be fully energized and will result in harsh brakes and potential brake lockup.

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

## TIRES

Your trailer is equipped at the factory with name brand trailer tires. Airstream dealers cannot make adjustments to tires. A dealer who handles that particular brand must do this. If you ever have tire problems check the local telephone directory for the nearest dealer.

To get the maximum performance from your tires check the air pressure often, but only when the tires are cool. Never bleed out air immediately after driving. Recommended tire pressures vary with tire type and size.

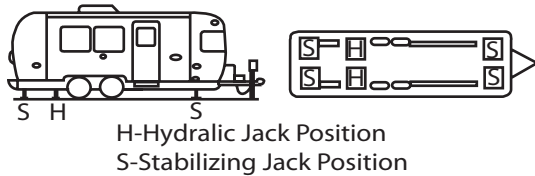
Try to park out of the sun whenever possible when in warm climates. In desert regions use tire covers to prevent ultra-violet deterioration to tires.

To CHANGE A TIRE with a jack see the label affixed to the underbelly to the rear of the wheels. This label, says JACK with an arrow and points to a plate riveted to the mainframe rail where the jack head must be placed. A flat tire may also be changed without the aid of a jack. Drive the unit up on a ramp 8” wide, 6”



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high, and about 3 feet long at its base. Position the good tire on the ramp. This will raise the flat tire clear of the ground.



H-Hydraulic Jack Position  
S-Stabilizing Jack Position



**WARNING:** Never attempt to change any tire without securely chocking 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.

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:** When removing aluminum-forged wheels, if so equipped, from the spindle, it is very important to mark them to assure 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. Care should be taken at all times when handling the wheel because of possible damage

to its appearance.

In an emergency you may remove the flat tire. The independent suspension of the Rubber Torsion Axle allows four wheel units to be safely towed on three wheels for a short distance (100 miles maximum) and only at a low speed (30 MPH).

Be especially cautious in 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 times.

## Load/Inflation Information for Your Tires

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. Not even the highest quality tire will perform well if it's not inflated properly. The correct pressure varies from vehicle to vehicle and depends in part upon driver preference. Each vehicle has a maximum inflation pressure, usually found on a metal tag riveted to the outside of the vehicle as well as on the original



equipment tires.

Correct tire inflation is a key component in tire care. The recommended inflation pressures for your tires are indicated on the certification label or in your owner's manual. Since RVs can be loaded with many different configurations, the load on each tire will vary. For this reason, 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. Check your tires' air pressures at least once a month, before each trip and each morning you drive during a trip. Tire pressure should be checked cold, as tire pressure ratings have been designed with typical running heat/pressure build-up in mind. Make sure the valves and caps are free of dirt and moisture.

### Under Inflation

Under inflation brings a higher risk of damage due to road hazards, reduces casing durability, causes a loss in fuel economy, and uneven or irregular tire wear. Severe under inflation brings about an increased risk of tread separation, handling difficulties, and possibly tires failure, caused by overheating.

**IMPORTANT:** Lowering tire pressure in the search for a smoother ride is not

only dangerous, it's relatively ineffective, and as the difference in the ride quality is not significant. 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.

- 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 coach's needs
- Only permanent air seal metal valve caps should be used.
- Be safe - if a tire has been run 20% under inflated, it must be dismantled 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.
- Don't bleed air from warm tires to reduce pressure buildup
- Don't inflate tires to cold PSI rating beyond rim specifications

### HOW OVERLOADING AFFECTS YOUR TIRES

Tire pressure is what enables your RV tire to support loads. Overloading your tires can have serious consequences for passengers and your RV. Too much weight can cause stress on your RV's suspension system, brake failure, shock absorber damage, handling and steering problems, irregular tire wear and



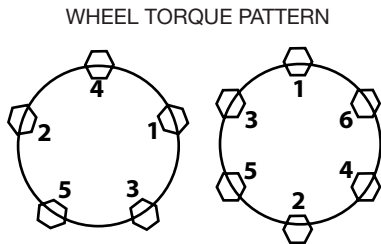
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possible tire failure. Excessive loads or under inflation can lead to an excessive amount of heat and tire failure. If you discover that your tires cannot handle the load, lighten the weight of the load on your tires.

Tire pressure should never be reduced below the vehicle manufacturer's recommended levels to support load conditions in order to improve the ride quality of a vehicle. The difference in ride quality is not significant. When inflation pressure requirements are not met, tire durability and optimum operation can be affected.

## Lug Nut Torquing

Use a torque wrench to tighten lug nuts. Tightening by hand or with an impact wrench is not recommended. See torque pattern shown for tightening sequence. Follow torque specifications in specification chart in the specification section of this manual.



Proper wheel nut torque is very important to safe and dependable towing of

your vehicle. The wheel and axle systems used in travel trailers are similar, yet different, in many ways to those used on cars and trucks. These differences are important and require special attention to wheel nut torque both while the trailer is new and throughout the trailer's life.

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 you go around corners, especially slow, tight ones, the wheels on your trailer are subject to these 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 the sequence shown in the relevant lug pattern below. Set the torque specification in three stages as seen in the chart. If the wheel was replaced, check the torque at 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 you have a reason to believe a lug nut has come loose, safely stop the vehicle at the side of the road as soon as possible. Put up warning devices. Check the tightness of all the lug nuts. Tighten all lug nuts to the specified torque, using a torque wrench. If lug stud threads are damaged or faulty, get professional service help,



**WARNING: WHEEL SEPARATION CAN OCCUR. On first trip, tighten wheel nuts at start of first trip and at 10, 25, and 50 miles. Thereafter check wheel nut torque: Before each trip, Following winter storage, Following excessive braking, or whenever a wheel is removed and replaced.**

## Replacing 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 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:

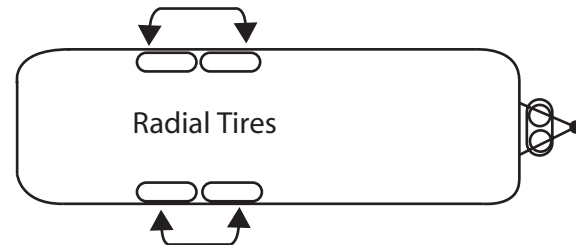
- Diameter of the hub-mounting surface.
- Stud length and diameter.
- Location and number of studs.
- Center hold diameter for the wheel
- Wheel mounting offset from the rim center.
- Rated capacity of the wheel.
- Wheel fastener torque.
- Wheel nut size and shape.

Impact of any added wheel accessories (such as decorative center caps) that could affect proper seating of the wheel to the hub surface.



**WARNING: Do not mismatch wheels and tires.**

## TIRE ROTATION DIAGRAM (10,000-mile intervals)



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## SPARE TIRE & CARRIER (Optional)

The spare tire for Airstreams is stored under the front of the trailer. The front handle of the tire carrier is a one-inch 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 on the tire carrier to be lowered and the spare tire removed.



**DANGER:** 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.

## REAR DOOR AND CARGO AREA (OPTIONAL)

### REAR CARGO TRAILER WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION

The weight of the cargo in the rear cargo area is limited by several factors. All loaded trailers must remain within GVWR, GAWR, and tire load capacity limits. Proper load distribution is especially important for cargo trailers. These trailers are designed to carry a variety of cargo in the cargo storage area. These items may be heavy and you must consider how they are loaded. Incorrectly loaded trailers can have too little weight resting on the hitch and therefore can become unstable when towing. You must maintain a hitch weight percentage of 10% – 15%. Weighing and loading information is explained in the TOWING section of this manual.



**DANGER:** Failure to distribute your allowable personal cargo properly will lead to an unsafe towing condition causing possible loss of control of your trailer and tow vehicle resulting in property damage, person injury/and or death.

## REAR CARGO TRAILER LOADING

The rear cargo door gives you complete access to the trailer cargo area allowing you to easily load cargo such as fishing tackle, bicycles, and tools. This section outlines the safety precautions you should take when loading and unloading cargo, as well as loading/unloading procedures, techniques and tips.

## REAR CARGO TRAILER LOADING SAFETY

The rear loading of the rear cargo area of your trailer can be a very hazardous part of your recreational activities. Many combinations of hazards and a large volume of activities occur in this area. Some of these hazards are:

- overhead obstructions
- dissimilar surfaces that are often wet and slippery
- poor lighting during night or early morning activities
- other vehicular traffic
- pedestrians
- restricted views
- awkward, heavy or unbalanced loads
- sheer drops
- congested staging areas
- accumulations of empty containers and debris

These are all hazards which can all be present at the same time within a very confined area. You need to be aware of these potential hazards when loading, unloading and rigging your cargo. Your continuous attention to safety measures will help prevent accidents and possibly serious injuries and property damage.

The biggest reason to put a priority on loading safety is not so much related to the frequency of accidents as it is to the potential severity of injuries that can occur in these types of accidents. The kind of injuries sustained when a load tips over or falls out of the trailer, or those that occur if the load shifts unexpectedly during travel tend to be very serious and sometimes fatal. You can prevent these types of accidents by paying attention to what you are doing and thinking through the consequences of poor loading.

Poor hazard assessment decisions are directly responsible for many accidents. You can help minimize these risks, avoid hazards, and enjoy your recreational activities safely by using an effective decision-making strategy:

- Look around you and your situation. Get a good idea of what's going on around you before you act.
- Identify hazards or specific problems in your path. Equipment, materials, debris, other vehicles, children, pets, or any number of other things may be in your way when you load or unload cargo or vehicles.
- Predict what may happen and think of the consequences of your actions.

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If you are loading/unloading alone, are you physically capable of handling the load safely and keeping it under control? Ask yourself what would happen if your load falls over or falls out of the trailer. If you are unable to control your cargo, what will happen to it, you, and any other people, equipment, or materials if/when it becomes uncontrollable? If you tie down your load, what will happen if a tie down comes loose? What will happen if all tie downs come loose? What will you do if someone else does something dangerous during your loading/unloading?

Decide what to do based on your abilities and the capabilities of your equipment. Always use proper lifting techniques, and personal protection equipment as necessary. Be sure your cargo does not exceed the capacity of the trailer. Here are some general safety rules about loading and unloading your cargo trailer. Other safety items will be covered throughout this section.

- Always consider the equipment you are loading. After use, it may be wet, slippery, dirty or in some other condition that may be potentially hazardous.
- In all situations, follow the loading and weight guidelines in the “Loading and Weighing” chapter of this Owner’s Guide. Never exceed the GAWR and GVWR ratings of either your trailer or your tow vehicle.
- Connect to the tow vehicle and use wheel chocks in addition to the stabilizing jacks of spotted trailers when loading and unloading to prevent potential forward or backward movement when loading or unloading.
- Be sure the work/loading area is well lit. Avoid loading/unloading at night or in conditions of poor visibility.
- Do not allow anyone who is not engaged in loading or unloading to be inside the trailer cargo area while loading/unloading.
- Visually inspect the trailer before loading. A damaged spot in the floor can cause cargo to be unstable, and damaged or missing tie down equipment will prevent you from securing your load properly.
- Use caution tape, traffic cones or portable barricades to designate staging and loading areas in high activity situations where other vehicles and/or pedestrians are present.
- Keep the loading area clean and free of clutter and debris. Clean up water and oil on the floor.
- Designate areas at your campsite or activity area for storage of trash, tools, equipment, supplies and expendable containers such as food, beverage, oil and fuel containers.
- Give special attention to large loads that may obstruct the view of the loading crew.
- Wear boots that provide adequate ankle support and a slip resistant tread design, and hand protection when loading/unloading.
- Always communicate with the person doing the loading. Know what the plan is and make sure you agree.
- Maintain eye contact with other persons involved at all times during

loading/unloading; making sure they know where you are.

- Slow down and pay attention; never hurry around loading/unloading operations.
- Train everyone in your travel group on the hazards of loading and unloading.
- Establish and enforce compliance to all safety procedures.

## CARGO AREA PREPARATION

The rear cargo space is easily prepared for storing those items you wish to travel with.

1. Remove the dinette table top and pedestal. The pedestal post slides out of its floor and table top brackets. The pedestal post stores in the wardrobe. The front bed top is hinged and is equipped with a bed prop. Lift the bed top and you will see the storage brackets for the table top. Slide the dinette table top into the brackets, close the bed top and the table is stored safely out of your way.

2. Remove the cushions from the dinette seats and rear lounge. The dinette seats and lounge are equipped with hinges and a slide bolt. Lift the seats and lounge up towards the wall and secure them with the slide bolts. Cushions can be placed between the seats and the wall for storage. The area is ready for

loading.

## CARGO PLACEMENT AND RESTRAINT

Cargo that is likely to roll (bicycles, tool chests, barrels, etc.) should be restrained by chocks, blocks, wedges, a cradle or other equivalent means to prevent rolling. Whatever you use to prevent rolling should not be able to be accidentally unfastened or loosened while the trailer is in motion.

## PROPER USE OF TIE DOWNS

There are several tie down rings installed in the floor of the rear cargo area. Avoid using tie downs and securing devices with knots. Be sure to attach and secure each tie down so that it can't come loose, unfastened, opened or released while the trailer is in motion. Also, use edge protection whenever a tie down could be damaged or cut at the point where it touches an article of cargo. Avoid using "bungee" cords.

## TIE DOWN MINIMUM WORKING LOAD LIMIT

The working load limit of a tie down, associated connector, or attachment mechanism is the lowest working load limit of any of its components (including any tensioner device), or the working load limit of the anchor points to which



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it is attached, whichever is less. When you choose tie down hardware, choose items that are strong enough to hold the load you are securing. The load limit of each tie down used should be at least one-half the working load limit of each tie down that goes from an anchor point on the trailer to an attachment point on an article of cargo. Check the tie down manufacturer's specifications to determine working load limits. **NOTE: Tie down hardware is not supplied with your trailer.**

## MINIMUM NUMBER OF TIE DOWNS

When an article of cargo is not blocked or positioned to prevent movement in the forward direction, the number of tie downs needed depends on the length and weight of the articles. In all cases, use enough tie downs to secure the cargo from moving in any direction. Heavy tool chests or cabinets may require tie downs around the bottom, middle and top to secure them. Be sure to lock or secure drawers in these chests or cabinets so they can't open while traveling. Keep handle bars, mirrors, etc. away from the trailer interior walls. The walls can be damaged by contact with hard, sharp objects.

## REAR DOOR CARGO SCREEN

For your convenience the rear door is equipped with screen located under the rear roof locker. The screen pulls down similar to venetian blind. Magnetic feet on the bottom of the screen attach to feet located on the door sill.

The screen slowly self retracts when the magnetic feet are pulled away from the sill.



## CARGO LOADING/UNLOADING PROCEDURE

### REAR DOOR & LOADING OPERATION

1. Hitch the trailer to a tow vehicle before loading and unloading the rear cargo area. If for some reason a tow vehicle is unavailable, use wheel chocks and blocks on the trailer wheels to prevent trailer creep. Select a parking site where the trailer will rest entirely on a flat, level surface. Avoid soft sand or mud surfaces.
2. Level the trailer and deploy stabilizing jacks.
3. Unlatch the rear cargo compartment door.
4. Move things out of the way of your cargo, whether you are loading, or unloading. Have an idea where your cargo will be positioned after your load/unload activities.
5. Use caution and proper lifting techniques when loading and unloading items from the cargo area.
6. Secure the cargo as needed using the cargo rings installed in the cargo area floor.
7. Make certain that the cargo door seal, jamb, and the ramp storage door hinge area are free of any debris, such as sand or snow before closing the rear door.
8. Inspect the cargo to see that it is secured and safely loaded.



**WARNINGS:** Any motorized vehicle or any motorized equipment powered with flammable liquid can cause fire, explosion, or asphyxiation if stored or transported within the recreational vehicle. To reduce the risk of fire, explosion, or asphyxiation:

**Passengers shall not ride in the vehicle storage area at any time.**

**Occupants shall not sleep in the vehicle storage area while vehicles are present.**

**Doors and windows in walls of separation shall be closed while the vehicles are present.**

**Fuel shall be run out of engines of stored vehicles after shutting off fuel at the tank.**

**Motor fuel shall not be stored or transported inside this vehicle.**

**The vehicle storage area shall be ventilated. Gas appliances, pilot lights, or electrical equipment shall not be operated when motorized vehicles or motorized equipment are inside vehicle.**

**FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD RESULT IN AN INCREASED RISK OF FIRE, EXPLOSION, ASPHYXIATION, DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.**



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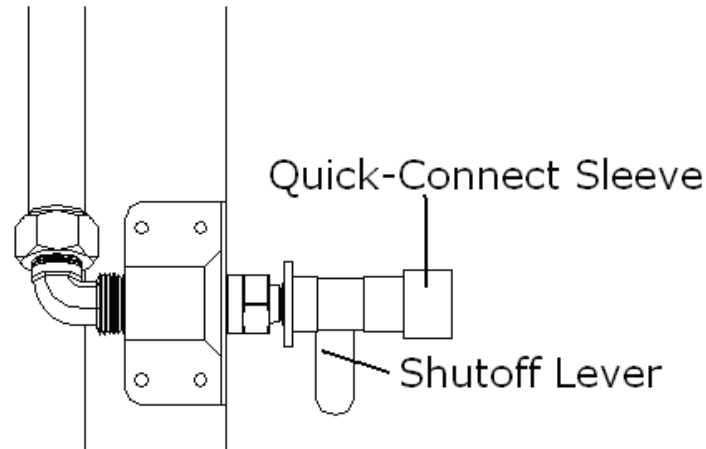
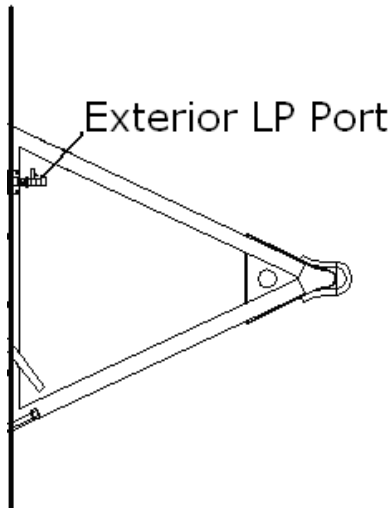
## Exterior Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) Port

An Exterior LPG Port quick connect may be installed on the hitch A-frame of your trailer.

A LPG supply line and male quick connect coupler is shipped with the trailer in the loose parts box. These parts can be used to connect an appliance that uses a LPG bottle supply to the exterior port.



**DANGER:** Only professional technicians trained and certified in LPG system installations and repairs should perform repairs or modifications to you LP system and/or LP appliances. The entire assembly described in this section must be leak checked and inspected after assembly is complete by a Certified LP gas technician before use. Failure to follow this warning could cause property damage, personal injury, and/or death.



## Quick Connect Instructions

Slide the Quick Connect Valve Sleeve back and insert the appliance supply gas line male coupler into the Quick Connect Valve female coupler. Release the sleeve to capture the male coupler and gently pull on appliance supply line to check that it is properly captured.

Turn the shut off lever to the on position to supply gas to the appliance.

To remove the appliance supply line:

Turn the gas lever to the off position to unlock the male coupler and slide the sleeve back to release the appliance supply line. For safety the LP Port Valve has a shut off lever that locks the male coupler in place when the gas is turned on. The gas is on when the lever is turned so it is inline with the valve. The drawing below shows the shutoff lever in the off position.



**DANGER: Each time you use the Exterior LP Port check it for wear and/or damage. If any damage or wear is found DO NOT USE the Port until it has been checked by a qualified technician. Failure to follow this warning could cause property damage, personal injury, and/or death.**



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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**

All materials should be professionally dry cleaned to remove any overall soiled condition. However, these materials may be spot cleaned using the cleaning code instructions as listed. Sample swatches are furnished to our dealers. The dealer will be able to give you the name of the fabrics used in your particular trailer. Each swatch will show the cleaning code in parenthesis.

The following are the cleaning code instructions for the various fabrics used in the Airstream trailers:

### **Code WS**

**Fabric Care:** Spot clean this fabric either with a mild solvent or water based cleaning agent. When using a solvent or dry cleaning product follow instructions carefully and clean only in a well-ventilated room. Avoid any product, which contains highly toxic carbon tetrachloride. You may also use an uphol-

stery shampoo product or the foam from a mild detergent. With either method pretest a small area before proceeding. Use professional furniture cleaner when an overall soiled condition is reached.

### **Code S**

**Fabric Care:** Spot clean, using a mild water free solvent or dry cleaning product. Carefully follow instructions on such product. Clean only in a well-ventilated room. Avoid any product containing carbon tetrachloride, which is highly toxic. Pretest small area before proceeding. Use professional furniture cleaner when an overall soiled condition is reached.

### **Code W**

**Fabric Care:** Spot clean, using the foam only from water based cleaning agent such as mild detergent or non-solvent upholstery shampoo product.

Apply foam with a soft brush in a circular motion. Vacuum when dry. Pretest small area before proceeding. Use professional furniture cleaner when an overall soiled condition is reached. The manufacturer of the fabric designed the above code.

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

## Bedspreads

100% cotton, washable, no chlorine bleach, warm water, 105 maximum degree temperature, gentle cycle. Dry at low heat, pull out before hot and hang drym 4/6% shrinkage. For best results dry clean at a commercial dry cleaner.



**WARNING:** Keep your furniture and family safe from fires caused by careless smoking. Do not smoke when drowsy. Remove immediately any flowing ash or a lighted cigarette, which falls on furniture. Smoldering smoking material can cause upholstered furniture fires.

**NOTICE:** Mattress covers must be professionally dry-cleaned.

## Shades

Roller shades may be dusted with a damp cloth.

## Carpet

The carpet can be cleaned with any good commercial carpet cleaner, or with a detergent and water. BE CAREFUL NOT TO SOAK THE CARPET WITH WATER.

## Vinyl Floor

The vinyl floor in your unit can be cleaned with liquid floor cleaning solutions recommended for vinyl floors and warm water.

## Counter Area

The counter areas around the sink are of a high-pressure laminate and can be cleaned with soap and water, or you can use a common solvent on tough spots. Be sure no abrasive cleaner is used, as there is the possibility it could scratch the surface. A protective pad should always be placed under hot utensils.

## Sinks

Cleaning can be accomplished using mild liquid detergent with a soft cloth. A complete Home Owners Guide for your sinks is supplied in your Owner's Folder. Please read these instructions before use.

## Shower Stall

To clean your fiberglass shower stall unit use warm water and one of the stronger liquid detergents. Do not use abrasive cleaners, they may scratch and dull the surface of your fiberglass 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 fiberglass unit with a light application of liquid wax. Chips and gel-coat cracks can be repaired. Check with local repair shops or your dealer for this service.

## Dinette

The dinette is made into a small bed by rising up on 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 let it be lowered on the supports of the dinette seats. The backrests of the seats are placed over the table to complete the conversion.

## Metal Interior Skin

The interior aluminum metal skin is the same as the exterior coated skin on

your trailer. The cleaning and care would be the same. Use common sense on the waxing and washing on the interior. A damp soft cloth will do most of the time. RINSE ALL GRIT FROM SURFACE PRIOR TO WASHING. Use soft rags or wash mitts always moving lengthwise with the trailer. NEVER rub hard on the coating. Even the softest rag will damage the coating if excessive pressure is applied.

**NOTICE: ABRASIVE POLISHES OR CLEANING SOLVENTS SUCH AS AUTOMATIC DISHWASHER OR ACID ETCH CLEANERS ARE TOO STRONG AND SHOULD NEVER BE USED.**

## Monitor Panel

The monitor panel allows you to check the amount of fluid in your fresh water tank, black water tank, and the gray water tank. The battery status is also shown. Further instructions on its use are detailed in the electrical section of this manual.

## Water Heater Switch

The water heater switch with a red indicator light is for lighting the water heater and is located on the galley wall in the 16 ft and 28 Ft. and on the lavatory wall in the 19 ft, 23 ft, 27 ft, and 30 ft. models.

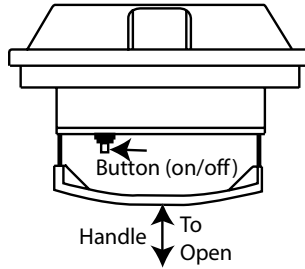
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## Water Pump Switch

The water pump switch is located on monitor panel. Once the switch is turned on, the pump will run until the water pressure reaches about 65 psi. At this point, an internal pressure switch will shut it off. When a faucet is open, the water pressure will drop and the pump will start to run again. The water pump should be turned off when the trailer is left unattended and when city water is being used as the fresh water supply.

## Bathroom Exhaust Fan

The bathroom exhaust fan is in the bathroom ceiling and is opened by pushing up on the handle running across the fan opening.



## Shower Head

The lavatory sink spout pulls out for the shower head. It 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.

The 16 ft. Bambi has the added feature of using your shower head has an exterior shower. An exterior door is provided to run the shower head and hose to the outside of your trailer for clean up before entering.

## Retractable Clothesline

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



## Light Switches

Light switches are located throughout the trailer and are labeled for your convenience.

## Battery Disconnect Switch

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

When the disconnect switch is turned to **“use”** (on) and the trailer is plugged into a 110-volt shoreline, the 12-volt distribution panel will receive power from the converter as the battery is charged through the converter charging system. If the trailer is not plugged into a 110-volt shoreline, the battery will supply 12-volts to the trailer and no charging to the battery is available since the converter is not receiving 110-volt power.

When the disconnect switch is turned to **“store”** (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 battery is disconnected from the system. The battery will not be drained with the switch in the **“store”** position. The converter will not charge the battery with the switch in the **“store”** position either.

The charge in the 12-volt trailer batteries is replenished from the tow vehicle charging system whenever it is running and the 7-way cord is attached. This charge will go to the trailer battery no matter which position the Battery Disconnect Switch is in.

## Fresh Air Vents

A control handle operates the ceiling fresh air vents. Turning clockwise will raise the vent. Lubricate the lid mechanism and check your lid gaskets once a year.

Information on the front high volume roof vent may be found in the appliance section of this book.



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## Storage

All cabinets and storage areas should have the heaviest items on the bottom and lighter items overhead. After loading you should have the skillets and can goods on the floor or bottom shelf, and the cereals and crackers in the overhead roof locker. Use the unbreakable type plates and saucers, and consider storing your dish towels around them. Better yet, use paper plates. Who wants to wash dishes when on a trip or vacation?

Clothes hung in wardrobes should be kept on hangers that snap over the clothes rods to keep them from “jumping” off on rough roads. Evening dresses should be kept in the plastic bags like dry cleaning businesses use. No matter how hard you try, if you travel a long dusty section of road the 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 easier to store.



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

Remember, heavy items should be stored low, over the axles, and toward the front, lighter items in the overhead cabinets and in the rear.

## SMOKE ALARM

A smoke detector is provided with your trailer. A manual pertaining to the detector is included in the paper work 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.

SERVICE: If service is required or you have not received an smoke alarm users manual please contact the Consumer Affairs Division at 800.323.9005

## LP GAS DETECTOR

THIS ALARM HAS A SEVEN YEAR LIFE, SEE END OF LIFE NOTIFICATION IN LP DETECTOR MANUAL. PLEASE READ ENTIRE DETECTOR MANUAL BEFORE OPERATING UNIT.

In the kitchen area of your unit is the LP gas detector. LP gas is a mixture of gases produced and sold commercially as a fuel for heating and cooking appliances. LP gas is highly flammable and, as a result, can be explosive if ignited under certain circumstances. LP gas is heavier than air and, if confined in a closed space, will accumulate close to the floor. The LP gas 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 lighting the red LED.

Your LP gas detector is wired directly to your vehicle battery and incorporates a 1-amp in-line fuse. It has no internal battery back up. In Normal Stand By Mode the LED indicator will be green.

## 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 is designed to provide the user with a LOW VOLTAGE WARNING before reaching that level and to 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 you protection against dangerous levels of LP Gas.



**DANGER:** Activation of this detector indicates the presence of LP gas, which can cause an explosion and/or fire causing death or serious injury. This normally indicates a leak in the LP gas installation or a LP gas appliance. Extinguish all open flames, open your windows and door and evacuate the unit immediately. Do not activate any electrical switch. Turn off the LP at your gas bottle(s). DO NOT RE-ENTER YOUR UNIT UNTIL A QUALIFIED REPAIR TECHNICIAN HAS CORRECTED THE PROBLEM AND CERTIFIED THE SYSTEM AS SAFE.



**DANGER:** 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, which “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”.

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## DETECTOR TEST

The Test/Rest button is used to verify proper alarm function. Executing the test function sounds the alarm and lights up the red LED. The test will sound the alarm twice, with 4 “beeps” in one second followed by 5 seconds of silence. By pressing the button you can verify that the alarm sounds and the LED functions properly.



**DANGER** Have a qualified technician check your LP Gas system annually or if you have any signs of leaks or malfunctions.

## FIRE EXTINGUISHER

The fire extinguisher should have the charge checked 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. If you find the directions on the extinguisher unclear, check with your local fire department for professional advice on its operation and use. We're sure they will be happy to assist you and your family.

**SAFETY:** 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, we are sure

you realize your potential for accidents is greatly increased.

## CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM

CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ALARM 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 ONTO 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.



**DANGER:** Activation of your CO alarm's audible horn indicates the presence of carbon monoxide (CO) which can KILL YOU.



**WARNING:** Alarm battery is shipped deactivated. Check your

alarm for proper battery installation.



**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.

IMPORTANT: 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.

HIS 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.



**WARNING:** 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

Carbon monoxide 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 carbon monoxide 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



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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.

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## WHAT IS CARBON MONOXIDE

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a highly poisonous gas which is released when fuels are burnt. 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 carbon monoxide 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” RVs with added insulation, sealed windows, and

other weatherproofing can “trap” CO inside.

The following conditions can result in potentially dangerous CO situations.

1. 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.

2. Extended use of un-vented fuel burning devices.

3. Temperature increase that can trap exhaust gases near the ground.

## SYMPTOMS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING.

These symptoms are related to CO POISONING and should be discussed with users of the RV.

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 carbon monoxide can cause brain damage, death.



**DANGER:** 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.

## EXTERIOR WINDOWS

The windows in your trailer are safety glass. To open: release the two lever locks at the bottom, lift up on the two side operator handles until the window is in the desired position, and place the operators into one of three positioning slots on the side of the frames. To lock the windows, reverse this procedure.

The emergency escape windows(s) are identified by red release handles and are opened by lifting up both latches, then turning the latches toward the center.

Push out on the glass and it will swing clear. The window operation should be checked each trip and the latches lubricated with WD-40 or equivalent every six months. A loop is provided in the SCREEN RETAINING SPLINE so it can be rapidly removed. Take hold of the loop and pull the rubber spline out of the screen frame. The window screen can then be easily pushed out.

Check the emergency escape route outside your escape window at every stop. 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.



**WARNING:** Never park your trailer so the escape windows cannot be easily opened used for emergency exits. All people staying in the trailer should be trained and practice escape procedures so they can be rapidly accomplished even in total darkness. Never block the interior or exterior access to the emergency escape windows.

These windows are cleaned in the same manner that ordinary windows are. Clean the seals with a damp cloth or mild detergent every three to six months, taking care not to use a strong solvent, as it will damage the seals. A coat of natural silicone lubricant applied after the seal has dried will keep it flexible.

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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 Airstream. For replacement of a damaged window contact an Airstream Service Center or the factory.

## SCREENS

Your plastic screens are easy to maintain. Just clean them occasionally with a damp cloth.

**Note:** Screens will melt at the point of contact if touched by a cigarette.

## SATELLITE RADIO (OPTION)

The travel trailer may be equipped with a satellite radio. This system is integrated with the entertainment system on the trailer. The system owner's manual is included with the packet from your dealer.

## INVERTER (option)

The inverter converts 12 volt electricity from your batteries into 110 volt power. The switch for the inverter is located under the monitor panel.

The Inverter powers the TV and one additional labeled 110 volt receptacle. On

units 25' and over in length it also supplies power to the bedroom TV and/or BlueRay Disc player when ordered as an option. On units under 25' in length it also supplies power to the BlueRay Disc player when ordered as an option.

Overloading the inverter will cause a automatic shut off to activate. Removing the load will allow the inverter to reset.

## APPLE I POD / MP3 INPUT. 12V POWER PORT & RCA JACK CONNECTOR PANEL (option)

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



## LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS (LPG)

### Fill Valve

Your trailer is equipped with LP bottle valves with “RV Type I Acme” connections. 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” Acme threads on the outlet exterior and female POL, left-handed threads on its interior. This feature allows for connection of the new wrenchless, right-handed, Acme RV connection and still accommodates the standard left-handed POL fittings used for filling propane cylinders.

The mating, green swivel nut and brass nipple also incorporates new features: the green nylon nut swivels on a black bushing that is heat sensitive. Between 240 degrees F and 300 degrees F the bushing will yield (melt) allowing the spring-loaded module in the valve to push the brass nipple back (approximately 1/4”) 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 by-pass flow.

By-pass 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 by-pass 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, an appliance is left on or there is a leak or open flow in the system, the by-pass pressure will not be able to equalize and allow the flow-limiting device to re-open. Symptoms of this condition would be appliances that light but have lower than normal flame or starve out 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 LP cylinder valve.
2. Extinguish all flames and smoking materials
3. Be sure all gas appliances, including their pilot lights, are off.
4. Open LP 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 LP cylinder valve and have the system inspected by a qualified RV service technician.



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Again, make sure all appliances are off before opening propane cylinder valves.

**Exception: 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.**

How long 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 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.

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.

## LPG BOTTLES

The following step-by-step procedure gives you the proper method of removing and installing these bottles:

1. Rotate the black lever all the way over towards the reserve cylinder. The indicator will turn green and the reserve cylinder becomes the service cylinder.

Now shut off the cylinder valve on the empty cylinder.

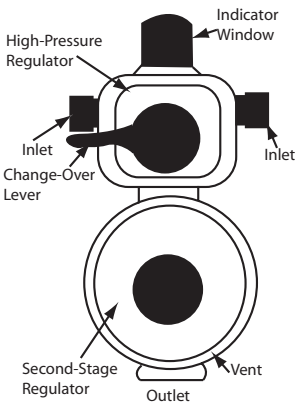
2. Disconnect the green swivel nut from the cylinder valve at the bottle to be removed. (This fitting has a common right hand thread and turns in the same direction to most threaded fittings.)
3. Turn the large clamping “T” handle counterclockwise until the hold down bracket is loose enough to remove the bottle. If your trailer is equipped with a gas bottle cover the “T” handle must be removed, and then remove the cover before removing the bottle.

## DO NOT REMOVE THE CENTER HOLD DOWN ROD!

### To Install

1. Place the bottle in position on the “A” frame and bottle cross member so that it rests on the upper collar of both bottles with the collar rims engaged in the grooves on the underside of the bracket. If your trailer is equipped with a gas bottle cover it should be positioned over the bottles 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 bottles are held firmly in place.
3. Hand-tighten the green nylon swivel nut onto the tank valve outlet.
4. Turn on gas shut off valves and test all fittings with a soap suds or detergent solution and watch for bubbles.

## AUTOMATIC GAS REGULATOR



All models are equipped with an automatic gas regulator. Both tanks are connected to this regulator.

When the gas is turned on it is drawn from only one tank at a time. When the tank being used is depleted the regulator automatically switches to the full tank. An indicator in the regulator knob points toward the tank that was being used to give you a visual reminder when one tank is empty.

### Operation

Make sure there is propane in both cylinders before you start. Rotate the black lever 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 tank 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 the top of the regulator will turn bright green. The indicator color will stay green as long as there is fuel coming from the service side. When

the service cylinder empties, the regulator will start drawing from the reserve cylinder providing an uninterrupted fuel flow to the system. When it switches over, the indicator color changes from green to red. This red color indicates that the service cylinder is empty and needs to be filled.

Now disconnect the cylinder and have it refilled. After filling, reconnect the pig- tail and slowly open the cylinder valve. The full cylinder now becomes the reserve.

## LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS (LPG)

### BASIC RULES FOR SAFETY



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

The vent at the bottom of the regulator must be kept free of any obstructions and must be pointed downward. A good habit is to check the vent each time a bottle is removed for filling. It is especially important to check the vent if the

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trailer has not been used regularly.



**WARNING:** The LPG bottles are securely mounted on the front “A” frame of your trailer. If these bottles 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. Your LP tank must be, and can only be, placed in the proper position when remounting on the front of the trailer. In any other position the base of the tank will not fit into the recess.



**WARNING:** Your LP 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:** Use only the gas bottles furnished with your trailer. If replacement is required it must be a bottle of the same size and design.



**WARNING:** LEAKING LP GAS MAY IGNITE CAUSING A FIRE OR EXPLOSION WHICH COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY,

**PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR DEATH.**



**DANGER:** Do not store LP containers within a vehicle. LP containers are equipped with safety devices that vent gas should the pressure become excessive. Do not bring or store gasoline or other flammable liquids inside the vehicle because a fire or explosion may result.



**DANGER:** 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 has been located in the cooking area to remind you to provide an adequate supply of fresh air for combustion. Unlike homes, the amount of oxygen supply is limited due to the size of the recreational vehicle; and, proper ventilation when using the cooking appliances will avoid 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.



**DANGER:** 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 LP gas container. This label reads: **DO NOT FILL CONTAINER (S) TO MORE THAN 80 PERCENT OF CAPACITY.**

Overfilling the LP gas 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 liquid LP gas.



**DANGER: 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.

## 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's 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 come from the faucet.



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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.

**NOTICE:** The water pump must be turned off when hooked up to city water supply and when you leave your Airstream unattended.

## WATER PUMP AND STRAINER

Water pump and strainer are located:

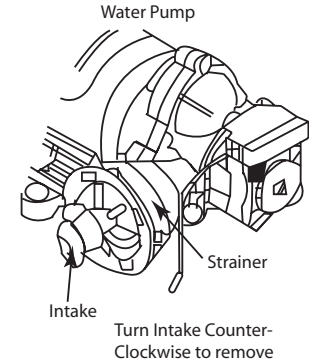
30 ft model is located in the roadside wardrobe on the floor and is accessed by removing the lower wardrobe panel which is held in place by pressure clips.

28 ft. are in the bottom of the refrigerator cabinet, accessed by the lower removable cabinet panel.

23 ft., 25 ft. and 27 ft. models are in the wardrobe on the floor. The lower panel of the wardrobe is hinged to open and provide access to the pump. The 16 ft. and 19 ft. are located under the roadside dinette seat. Lift cushion to reveal access panel.

To clean strainer screen, first remove inlet connection from the pump side of strainer. This will allow the intake side of the strainer to be rotated about 1/8 turn counter clockwise and be removed. The screen part of the strainer will now be accessible for cleaning.

When reassembling only rotate the inlet side of the strainer until the stops are felt. The “O” ring performs sealing and too much pressure will only break the strainer.



## LUBRICATION

If the lubricant appears dried out it should be wiped off the bearing assemblies. A small amount of automotive wheel bearing grease should be applied to both sides of each bearing.

**NOTICE:** Do not remove the stainless steel screens. These filter screens should be cleaned without removing them from the plastic housing.

## FRESH WATER TANK SANITIZING

Potable water systems require periodic maintenance to deliver a consistent flow of fresh water. Depending on use and the environment the system is subject to, sanitizing is recommended prior to storing and before using the water system after a period of storage. Systems with new components, or ones that have been subjected to contamination, should also be disinfected as follows:

1. Use one of the following methods to determine the amount of common household bleach needed to sanitize the tank.
  - A) Multiply “gallons of tank capacity” by 0.13; the result is the ounces of bleach needed to sanitize the tank.
  - B) Multiply “Liters of tank capacity” by 1.0; the result is the milliliters of bleach needed to sanitize the tank.
2. Mix into solution the proper amount of bleach within a container of water.
3. Pour the solution (water/bleach) into the tank and fill the tank with potable water.
4. Open all faucets (Hot & Cold) allowing the water to run until the distinct odor

of chlorine is detected.

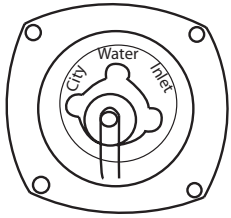
5. The standard solution must have four (4) hours of contact time to disinfect completely. If you double the solution, this concentration allows for contact time of one (1) hour.
6. When the contact time is completed, drain the tank. Refill with potable water and purge the plumbing of all sanitizing solution.

**Note:** The sanitizing procedure outlined above is in conformance with the approved procedures of RVIA ANSI A119.2 and the U.S. Public Health Service.



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## CITY WATER HOOK-UP



The city water hook-up is found on the side of the trailer.

Use a high-pressure hose of at least 1/2" diameter. It should be one that is tasteless, odorless and non-toxic designed for RV use. The city water inlet is a standard garden hose thread. We suggest

**F** you carry two lengths of hose. This way you have the ability to reach hookups further away than normal, plus you have a spare hose should one fail or become damaged unexpectedly.

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 and fresh water lines are empty it will take some time before all the air is expelled and you get a steady flow of water 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.



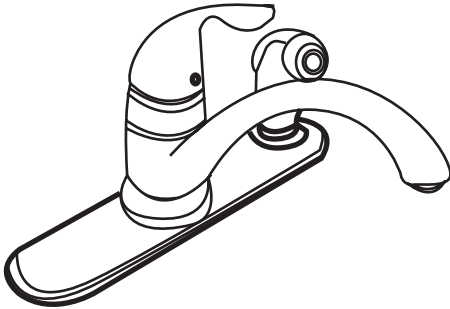
**DANGER:** Hydrogen gas can be produced in a hot water system served by this heater that has not been used for a long period of time (generally two weeks or more). Hydrogen gas is extremely flammable. To reduce the risk of injury under these conditions, it is recommended that the hot water faucet be opened for several minutes at the kitchen sink before using any electrical appliance connected to the hot water system. If hydrogen is present there will probably be an unusual sound such as air escaping through the pipe as the water begins to flow. There should be no smoking or open flame near the faucet at the time it is open.

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



## GALLEY FAUCET

Moen, Torrance Single Handled Kitchen Faucet w/Side Spray  
Model 87484



For parts and local warranty service contact Moen at 1-800-Buy Moen

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

To preserve the finish on the metallic parts of your Moen faucet, apply non-abrasive wax, such as car wax. Any cleaners should be rinsed off immediately.

DO NOT SUBMERGE OR PLACE FAUCET HEAD IN DISHWASHER.

## Questions

If you have any questions please call the Moen toll-free help lines:

1-877-DRINK-H2O

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 P.M.

1-877-374-6542

Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## Galley Faucet Filter

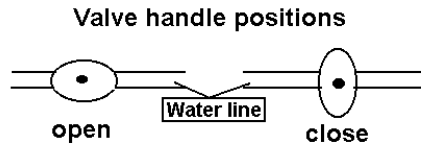
An inline filter has been provided for the galley faucet under the galley top. It can be accessed by opening the galley cabinet door. Your dealer has been provided instructions on its installation. The unit is shipped with a bypass line that should be used later for winterizing unit.



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## DRAIN VALVES

The 30 ft Front Bed model has two low point drain valves accessed by removing the rear dinette seat cushion and reaching through the hole cut in the seat bottom. It has the fresh water tank drain, a white petcock, on the exterior tank pan under the trailer. The hot and cold water line low point drain valves on the 27 ft. and 28 ft. are located on exterior of the coach for easier access. If you look under the trailer, you will see a “box” that is a few inches lower than the trailer frame. This “box” or pan supports a water tank. The line drain valves will be the two brass petcocks on the bottom of the pan. The 23 ft and 25 ft. front bed model has the low point drain valves located inside the roadside rear exterior access door. The 19 ft. line drain valves are located in two different places. Two are located under the rear bed and access has been provided in the bed top under the mattress. (If you are long and lanky, they can be reached through the exterior storage compartment.) The other two line drain valves are located under the roadside dinette seat. Remove the cushions to access a removable panel in the lounge top. 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.



Open these low points drain valves and use the hitch jack to raise and lower the trailer front end to drain the water out of the hot and cold water lines.

### To Empty Fresh Water Tank

On the 23 ft, 25 ft, 27 ft, 28 ft, and 30 ft. models, a large valve on the fresh water tank pan under the trailer drains the water fresh tank. On these models an additional 1/4" drain plug is located on the bottom of the tank inside the galvanized “box”. The plug is accessible by removing an inspection plate close to the petcock that can be seen on the bottom of the tank support pan. There may be a little Styrofoam insulation covering the plug that should be carefully removed and replaced. The water tank drain valve on the 16 ft. and 19 ft. model is located under the roadside dinette seat; remove the cushions to access a removable panel.

Pumping the water out with the self-contained water pump also empties the fresh water tank. Simply turn on the pump switch and open a couple of faucets until the water will no longer comes out.

**Note:** For winterizing purposes, only the large tank drain valve needs to be opened to drain the fresh water tank.

## 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.

## TOILET SHUTOFF VALVE

Your Airstream has one other water shutoff valve. It is located behind the toilet and used to shut water off to the toilet in an emergency or service situation.

## 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 out 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 IS TO GUARD AGAINST FREEZING 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. 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. (See drain valves on previous page)
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.
6. Turn the pump switch OFF after all water has been removed from the storage tank.
7. Remove exhaust hose from water pump.
8. 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.
9. Lower the front of the trailer as far as the jack will allow until water ceases

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to drain, then crank the jack up as high as it will go and let any remaining water drain out.

10. After the water has stopped running from the drain lines, apply at least 60 lbs. 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 and all drain valves and faucets are open and pump outlet hose is disconnected. This can be accomplished at a service station and will force any remaining water from the water heater and remove any water which may be trapped in low areas.

11. Pour a cup of non-toxic RV antifreeze which has been approved and listed by a recognized testing authority such as Underwriter Lab into the lavatory, sink and tub drains to prevent trap freeze-up.

**NOTICE:** Remove all RV anti-freeze spillage from all drain and faucet parts after winterizing. Failure to do so could result in damage to the plumbing fixture's finish.

12. 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.

13. If so equipped, remove the cartridge of the water purifier and leave the purifier valve in the open position.

14. 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.

15. Remove any items (food, cosmetics, etc.) from trailer interior that might be damaged by freezing - or might damage the trailer if containers 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 by-pass valve to by-pass position. For by-pass instructions to winterize see the illustration on next page.
3. Install a spare water purifier cartridge to be used specifically for winterizing. This cartridge will have RV anti-freeze in it when finished and will be removed and the clean cartridge reinstalled for normal use. Keep the spare cartridge for future cold winterizing procedures.
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. Dilute the antifreeze solution in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
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.

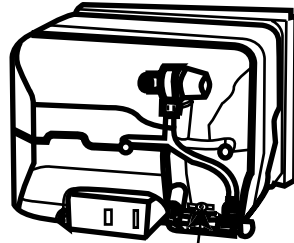
## Water Heater Bypass Locations

16 Ft. is under the roadside wardrobe hinged bottom shelf.

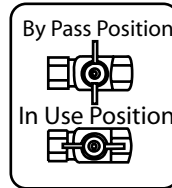
19 Ft. is under the bed on the roadside through a hole cut in the bed top.

23 Ft. is under the bed and accessed through a hole cut in the bed top or through the rear exterior access door..

23 Ft. Front Bed - inside the removable bedroom wardrobe cabinet lower face panel. The panel is held on by two pressure catches and can be removed by pulling straight out on the panel.



By Pass Valve



25 Ft. Front Bed is through the curbside front exterior access door.

27 Ft. front bed model is under bathroom lavatory.

28 Ft. is under the roadside wardrobe, remove bottom front panel for access.

30 ft is accessed through a hole cut in the rear dinette seat.

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## DRAIN AND WASTE SYSTEM

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

The MAIN (BLACK) 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 in the AUXILIARY (GRAY) HOLDING TANK except for the 28' models which has the lavatory sink hooked to the black tank. Each tank has its own dump valve, however, both tanks drain through a common outlet. Therefore, you need to make only one connection when hooking up in a trailer park with sewer facilities.

NOTE: The 16' model has a Black/Gray Combination tank. All waste water and black water drains to this tank.

**NOTICE:** Never put wet strength paper towels or tissues in your holding tank since they won't 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.

## Emptying Tanks

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

To empty one or both tanks attach the sewer hose by pressing the bayonet fitting onto the dump valve outlet and rotate clockwise until it feels solid and secure. Attach the outlet end of the hose to the sewage outlet; making sure that the hose is placed so it will drain completely.

Pull the dump valve handle as far as it will go and wait until the tank is drained. When dumping, the main holding tank should be dumped first; then the auxiliary holding tank. This will help to rinse out the sewer line with auxiliary holding tank water.

The main holding tank must be flushed out until all paper and waste material is removed. Close the dump valve and refill the tank with clean water and repeat until clean. Replace the cap prior to traveling.

## BLACK TANK FLUSH

Selected trailer models have a water hose connector marked "black tank flush". To use, hook up a water hose and turn on full force. Within the tank a spray

head with a multiple hole head will spray the interior surface of the tank.

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

## **When Parked and Connected to Sewer Outlet**

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 THROUGH THE MAIN HOLDING TANK AT A TIME 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, use the black tank flush if so equipped or 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.

You may keep the auxiliary tank valve open when connected to a sewer outlet or close the valve and use the accumulated water to flush the sewer hose after dumping the black tank.

Drain when traveling in sub-freezing temperatures or use a winterizing solution designed for RV use.

Plan ahead and drain the tanks at a dump station before winterizing. Follow the directions on the Non-toxic RV anti-freeze container.

## **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 attacks the rubber seats of your toilet and dump valve. Also, do not use any dish detergent or abrasive cleaners. All products should be marked approved for ABS drainage systems.

When winterizing drains use only trailer plumbing system type antifreeze. These are sold through your dealer.

## **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.

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## Monitor Panel

Check your monitor panel frequently. When the MAIN HOLDING TANK, (BLACK) is completely full, sewage cannot be emptied from the toilet bowl. If the AUXILIARY HOLDING TANK (GREY) is overfilled, drain water will “backup” into the tub and cause an unpleasant cleaning job. Never drain the tanks at any place other than an approved dumping station. For complete instructions on this panel see section G.

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## 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. Now when you depress the pedal all the water is routed through the hand-spray.

**NOTICE:** 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.

If the problem should occur a small nail or bent clothes hanger can be used to “pick” the material out of the groove.

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



## 12 VOLT OPERATION

The major portion of electrical power in your Airstream is 12-volt. The 12-volt current powers the fans, furnaces, water pump, and water heater ignition. The exception would be the air conditioner and microwave oven.

All 12-volt current comes through the battery system in the front of your trailer. The battery is accessible in the battery box on the A-frame of your trailer.

Power from the battery 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 goes 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 later in this section.

## BATTERY DISCONNECT SWITCH

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

When the switch is turned “**use**” (on) and the trailer is plugged into a 110-volt shoreline, the 12-volt distribution panel will receive power from the converter and the battery will be charged through the converter charging system.

When the switch is turned to “**store**” (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 battery is disconnected from the system. The battery will not be drained with the switch in the store position. The converter will not charge the battery 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 go to the battery no matter which position the Battery Disconnect Switch is in.

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## BATTERY



**WARNING:** Before inspecting or servicing storage battery, read and follow battery manufacturers cautions and directions.

**NOTICE:** 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 IT AS IS NECESSARY.**

We suggest checking the battery 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 degrees F, while a discharged battery will freeze at +19 degrees F. The following table shows the freezing points of batteries at various specific gravity readings, temperature corrected 80 degrees F.

1.265	-71.3 F
1.250	-62 F
1.200	-16 F
1.100	+5 F
1.150	+19 F

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.

**Note:** Care must be used to make sure soda is not allowed to enter battery cells.

**To insure 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 jell.**



**CAUTION:** RECONNECT THE BATTERY CABLES TO THE

**CORRECT BATTERY POSTS.** The black cable should be connected to the negative (-) post and the red cable to the (+) 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 degrees F, check the electrolyte level about every two weeks.



**DANGER:** 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.

**NOTICE:** 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.

Some situations, which may indicate a need for battery replacement, are:

1. Loss of more water in one cell than others.
2. Continuous loss of water in all cells-perhaps accompanied by overheating or extreme gassing and bubbling.
3. A marked difference in the specific gravity reading between cells.



**DANGER:** 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 battery 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.

Remove the battery from its container.

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

When being towed, the 12-volt battery in your trailer is receiving a constant

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charge from the vehicle's generator or alternator through the seven-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 charge of the converter system for charging. The charging circuit automatically controls the current, reducing it as the battery increases in charge.

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

## **GLASS MATT BATTERIES** (Optional w/Solar Panel Charging System)

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 table spoons to a pint of water.

Cable connection needs to be clean and tightened regularly.

## **POWER CENTER (Converter, 12-Volt Distribution, 110 Volt Distribution)**

### **MagneTec 7355**

Manufacturer:

MagneTec

102 North Main Street

Goodland, Indiana 47948

Phone: (800) 443 4859

Fax: (219) 297 2305

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.

The low voltage distribution panel is located in the MagneTec Series 7300 Series Power Center. Open the brown door to access the panel.

All circuits are labeled on the 12-volt fuse panel.

## 12V POWER CIRCUITS

The current in the converter system is 12 volts direct current (12VDC) negative grounded.

Power sources that supply 12VDC current to the system are as follows:

- A. Main charge line from tow vehicle
- B. Trailer Battery
- C. Converter

The power sources 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.

The 7300 series 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 recreational vehicles 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 with Littelfuse type 257 fuses only.

If the 7300 series power converter is not working, first confirm the RV supply or shoreline cord is plugged into 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 the instructions to reset the breakers. If the breaker trips again, consult an electrician or certified RV technician.

## CONVERTER OPERATION

The MagneTec 7300 series electronic power converter is designed to supply the nominal 12-volt filtered D.C. 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.

**NOTICE:** When installing a battery (s) always observe polarity. Connecting a battery reverse polarity will blow the power converter main fuses located on the 12 volt D.C. distribution fuse block.

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## 120 VOLT AC PANEL BOARD

The AC panel board section of the series 7300 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 7300. 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 putting their breaker handle up to the on position or “off” by flipping the handle down to the off position. To reset the tripped breaker move handle to off then on.

## CONVERTER COOLING SYSTEM

The 7300 electronic fan cooling system is the key to long life and trouble-free operation. The fan is never on more than required to cool electronic components in the converter. You may never hear the fan operate.

## TV ANTENNA

Manufacturer:  
Winegard Company  
3000 Kirkwood Street  
Burlington, Iowa 52601  
Phone: 800-843-4741

### Raising Antenna to Operating Position

Turn elevating crank in “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.

Raising Antenna



### Rotating Antenna

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

Rotating Antenna



### Lowering Antenna to Travel Position

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

Lowering Antenna



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

**NOTICE: Antenna must be in “down” position while traveling to prevent damage.**

## Checking Operation

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.

## DO'S

1. Do check parking location for obstructions before raising antenna.
2. Do carefully raise, lower and rotate - if difficult, check for cause.
3. Do rotate slowly when selecting station and check fine-tuning on TV set to make sure it is properly adjusted.
4. Do lower antenna before moving vehicle.

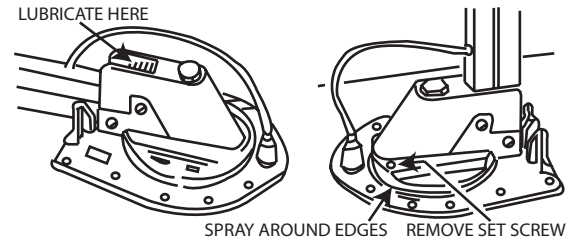
## DON'TS

1. Don't force elevating crank up or down. Check for cause of trouble.
2. Don't rotate directional handle hard against stops.

3. Don't travel with lift in up position.
4. Don't leave lift part way up or down.
5. Don't apply sealing compound or paint over top of base plate or anywhere on lift.

## 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.

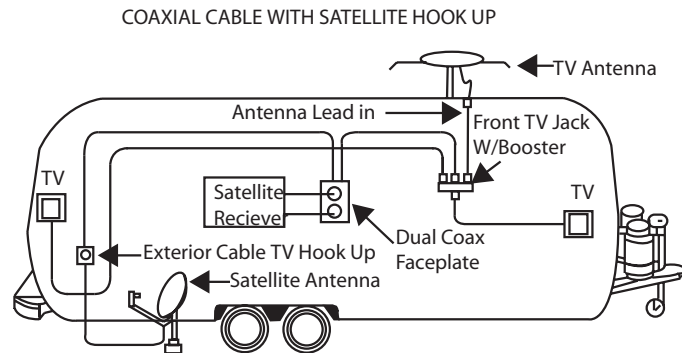
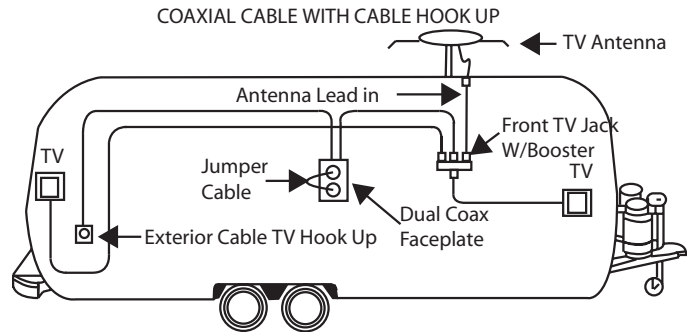
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Elevate antenna and remove setscrew from rotating gear housing as shown. Spray lubricant into hole and around edges of gear housing. Rotate gear housing until lubricant coats bearing surfaces and antenna rotates freely.

## ANTENNA/CABLE/SATELLITE ANTENNA WIRING

(Satellite not available on the 16 ft. model.)

If you compare the two drawings you'll see wiring for a satellite dish antenna





is relatively simple.

Units have a faceplate with two coax cable hook-ups. It is located as follows:

19 ft. model: on the roadside bedroom wall.

27 ft front bed models: roadside wall forward of the refrigerator.

23 ft, 25 ft. front bed and 28 ft. models: under the dinette table.

30 ft model is located next to the TV.

The faceplate has a small coax cable jumper running between the hook-ups to complete the cable TV circuit when in use.

To install a satellite system use the following procedure:

1. Remove the jumper wire from the coax faceplate.
2. Hook a portable dish into the exterior Cable TV receptacle. This feeds the dish signal to the input side of the faceplate.
3. Install the satellite receiver input and output into the dual coax faceplate.

To return to a Cable TV system, remove the satellite receiver from the faceplate and reinstall the jumper cable.

## **SOLAR PANEL (OPTION)**

Airstream Travel Trailers use a Carmanah Technologies Corp. Solar Panel/Charger Controller/Display System. A manual on the use of the system is included with the Airstream Owner's Blue Delivery Case.

Carmanah Technologies Corp.  
Building 4, 203 Harbour Road  
Victoria, BC V9A 3S2

Tel: 800-667-6527

Fax: 866-607-6527

[www.solarforrv.com](http://www.solarforrv.com)

On the following page is the drawing showing the way Airstream wires the system on factory installed units.

## **Solar Panel Pre-wire**

Airstream pre-wires the trailers with yellow and green wires and a CAT 5 cable as explained in this section for the addition of an after market panel. All wires used for the prewire are identified with labels at all locations.

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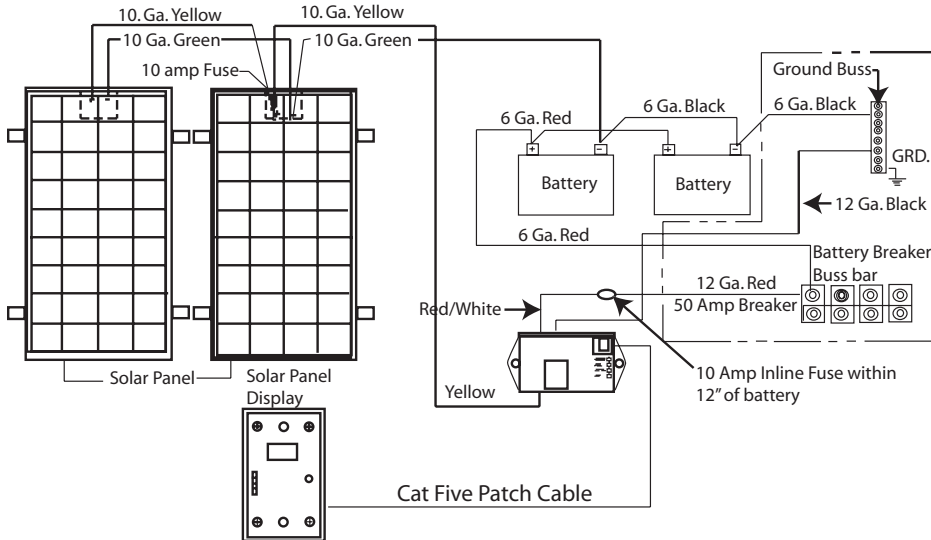
1. YELLOW (like the sun) positive and GREEN (like the earth) negative leads ends are coiled at the battery breaker buss bar area and under the center roof sheet. The battery buss bar is located on the front end shell inside skin next to the battery compartment. Front bed models have the bar located under the front bed. Battery cables will run to this bar. The other end of the green and yellow wires are located just behind the front roof vent on 16', 19', and 27' Front Bed models and just in front of the rear roof vent on 23' Dinette, 25' Front Bed, and 28' models. The roof location is marked with a label on the roof and a hole must be drilled to access them and pull them for an after mar-

ket installation. The wires from the solar panel are connected to the positive and negative wires (yellow and green) of the pre-wire system.

2. A Cat 5 patch cord for the solar panel display is run from the battery buss bar to an area just below the CatCon monitor display for after market units supplied with a display panel.

NOTICE: The Yellow wire is fused with a 10-amp in-line fuse at the 12-volt positive.

This option is not available on the 16 ft. model.



## MONITOR PANEL, Except Eddie Bauer Units

Micropulse Systems Monitor

CATCON PRODUCTS INC.

817-921-2188

techsupport@catconproducts.com



The MicroPulse System makes use of a single solid-state sensor per tank. The MicroPulse sensor measures the static (head) pressure at the bottom of the tank and transmits this information to the MicroPulse System Monitor. Knowing this pressure value, after a one-time calibration has been performed, the MicroPulse System will calculate and accurately display the tank level in 1/8 increment.

A single sensor is installed on the sidewall of each tank, near the bottom, via a

3/4" female NPT spin-in thread. The sensor is solid state, there are no moving parts to wear or maintain. Because the principle of operation does not involve any electrical current flow through the tanks contents (conducted or induced), the nature of the fluid in the tank is unimportant.

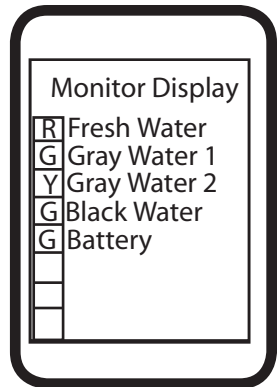
The monitor system has been calibrated at the factory and should never need another calibration. If you feel the system is not operating correctly, please contact CATCON Products or a local Airstream dealer. The following instructions are provided for qualified service technicians.

### MICROPULSE SYSTEMS MONITOR OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

This example shows the monitor reporting the following:

- Fresh Water = 7/8 to Full
- Gray Water 1 = Empty to 5/8
- Gray Water 2 = 3/4
- Black Water = Empty to 5/8
- Battery = Empty to 5/8

**On all diagrams the Letters R=Red, Y=Yellow, G=Green, Blank=no LED lit.**



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## NORMAL OPERATION

The MicroPulse Monitor will display the condition of each system at all times. The tri-color LED beside the system will indicate the condition of the system using the following color code.

Fresh Water and Battery are as follows:

Green LED = 3/8 to Full

Yellow LED = 1/4

Red LED = 1/8 to Empty

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Gray Water, Black Water are as follows:

Green LED = Empty to 5/8

Yellow LED = 3/4

Red LED = 7/8 to Full

**NOTE:** The steel LP tanks on the International Trailer Models do have a level sensor. The monitor system does not read LP Gas levels.

## TO OBTAIN EXACT READING

To obtain an exact reading of all systems press and release the status button one time. The monitor will flash the LED beside the system it is about to report.

It will then display the exact condition of that system by lighting the bar graph from Empty to Full. The monitor will display the exact condition of each system and then return to normal operation mode.

To obtain an exact reading of an individual system press and release the status button until the LED beside the system that you want the condition of is lit. Release the status button and the monitor will display the exact condition of that system by lighting the bar graph from Empty.

## Monitor Panel, Eddie Bauer Units

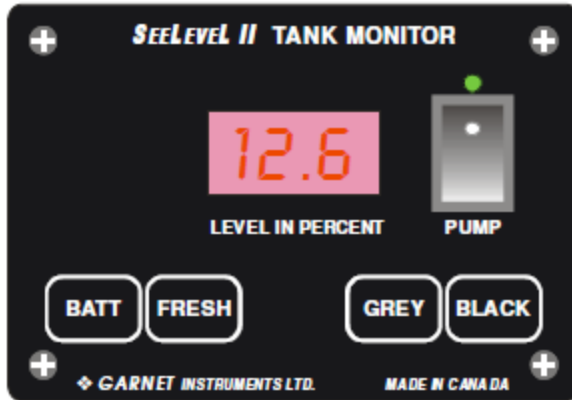
The SeeLevel II

Garnet Technologies Inc.

Suite 8, 125 M&M Ranch Road

Granbury, Texas, 76049

Email: sales@rvgauge.com



The SeeLevel II Tank Monitor represents a massive leap forward in level measurement technology for the Recreational Vehicle industry. The SeeLevel has a combination of features, accuracy, reliability, and diagnostic capability that have never been available before.

The SeeLevel II will monitor the battery voltage, the fresh water, grey water, black water, and battery status. The information is displayed on a 3 digit alphanumeric LED display. In addition, the system can display the operating characteristics of each of the tank sending units, giving it unsurpassed diagnostic capability.

The monitor display panel also has a water pump switch installed.

## TANK MONITOR OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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. Operation of the display is as follows:

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 level in percent on the LED display. If no other button is pressed, then the display shut 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 showing the new level or voltage. The 5 second timeout is restarted every time a button is pressed.

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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 in 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.

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To read the battery voltage:

1. Press the BATT 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, for example, 12.6 and 12.7 volts. This is normal behavior for a digital voltage display.

3. If another button is pressed before the 5 second time is up for the BATTERY button, the display will immediately switch to show-

ing the value for the new button. The 5 second timeout is restarted every time a button is pressed.

4. There is no hold mode for the battery voltage.

The monitor system has been calibrated at the factory and should never need another calibration. If you feel the system is not operating correctly, please contact CATCON Products or a local Airstream dealer. The following instructions are provided for qualified service technicians.

## 110-VOLT ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

### City Power

The 110-volt electrical system provides power to operate the air conditioner, converter and 110-volt receptacles for portable appliances. The power is routed through the 110-volt city power flexible cord to the 110-volt distribution panel inside the power converter door, and then is distributed to each appliance or receptacle. 110-volt layout diagrams are shown later in this section.

A 110-volt exterior outlet for is located on the exterior wall.



**WARNING:** When operating with city power make very certain

that the service is 110 volt and not 220 volt.

**NOTICE:** When the three-pronged plug can be used there will be no problems with proper polarity or grounding.

In some older parks and other locations where three pronged outlets are not available, certain precautions to insure 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, which 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.

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

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 your trailer shoreline cord is plugged into.** 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.

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

## **GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER (GFCI)**

Many states require trailers which are sold in their state, and which have exterior 110 volt receptacles, to have a ground fault circuit interrupter.

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Trailers manufactured for sale in these states have type THQL 15 amp GFCI breakers installed on the general circuit, since the exterior breaker is on this circuit. The breaker replaced the standard TQL-15 amp breaker.

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.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The GFCI circuit breaker will NOT reduce shock hazard if contact is made between a “HOT” load wire and a neutral wire or 2 “HOT” load wires.

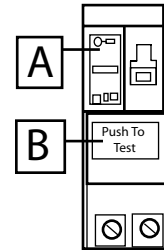
Each GFCI circuit breaker is calibrated to trip with a ground current of 5 milliamperes or more. Since most persons can feel as little as 2 milliamperes, a distinct shock may be felt if the need for protection exists. However, the shock should be of such short duration that the effects would be reduced 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.

**OCCUPANT:** Make this test each month and record the date in the chart on page G-18.



1. With handle B in “ON” position, press PUSH TO TEST button A.
2. Handle B should move to TRIP position, indicating that GFCI breaker has opened the circuit.
3. To restore power move handle B to “OFF” and the to “ON

**Important:** If handle B does not move to TRIP position when test button is pressed, the GFCI breaker protection is not complete. If this happens, replace GFCI breaker.



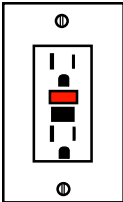
## GFCI Receptacle

OCCUPANT: Make this test each month and record the date in the chart on page G-18.

To properly test GFCI receptacles in your home:

Push the “Reset” button located on the GFCI receptacle, first to assure normal GFCI operation.

Plug a night light (with an “ON/OFF” switch) or other product (such as a lamp) into the GFCI receptacle and turn the product “ON.”



Push the “Test” button located on the GFCI receptacle. The night light or other product should go “OFF.”

Push the “Reset” button, again. The light or other product should go “ON” again.

If the light or other product remains “ON” when the “Test” button is pushed, the GFCI is not working properly or has been incorrectly installed (miss wired). 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 device.

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Record GFCI breaker and receptacles tests explained previously in the chart.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2013												
2014												
2015												
2016												
2017												
2018												

The operation manual for all appliances is included with the owner's packet. Their manuals may contain specialized warnings and cautions specific to your appliances that should be reviewed prior to operating the appliance. If a manual is missing and has not been provided with your trailer, contact the appliance manufacturer, your Airstream Dealer, or Airstream Customer Service to obtain it.



**WARNING: Most LP gas 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 the burner flame, CAUSING A FIRE OR AN EXPLOSION.**

**Maintenance:** Follow the instructions and warnings noted in the appliances and equipment owner's manuals as well as the ones listed 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 out by an authorized dealer or repair facility anytime circumstances or conditions warrant., but no less than on an annual basis.

## AIR CONDITIONER

Manufacturer:

Dometic Sales Corporation

2320 Industrial Parkway P.O. Box 490

Elkhart, IN 46515

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 please contact the air conditioner manufacturer or your Airstream dealer for replacement.

The voltage to the air conditioner is critical. We commonly refer to 110 or 120 volts, but a check with a voltmeter may find voltage much lower. Your air conditioner will probably not function if the current drops below 105 volts. Low voltage is usually associated with older or poorly maintained trailer parks, but many people have found their homes, built only twenty or thirty years ago, may not be capable of operating the air conditioner on some receptacles, Parking your trailer so the power cord can be plugged into a receptacle close to the

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fuse or circuit breaker box can alleviate the problem. 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 to the air conditioner.

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

**NOTICE:** If you have the optional air conditioners with heat pump they should not be used if ambient temperatures remain below 25 degrees F. for more than 12 hours.

Only the furnaces are ducted to provide heat to tanks and plumbing to prevent freezing.

## FURNACE

Manufacturer:  
Atwood Mobile Products  
1874 South Pioneer Road  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101  
Phone: 801-972-4621

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 battery or power converter when plugged into city power. Operating instructions are located in your Owners Packet. If they should become misplaced new literature can be ordered direct from the manufacturer or your Airstream dealer. The manufacturer also offers a detailed service guide for your furnace.

If warranty service is required contact your Airstream dealer or a service location recommended by the furnace manufacturer.



**WARNING:** Carefully read all the manufacturer's instructions prior to operating. NEVER store flammable material next to the furnace or it's exterior vents.

## **RANGE**

Princess Range Top  
CCD Model

Manufacturer:

Atwood Mobile Products  
6320 Kelly Willis Road  
Greenbriar, TN 37073  
801.972.4621

Full Oven

Manufacturer:

Atwood Mobile Products  
6320 Kelly Willis Road  
Greenbriar, TN 37073  
801.972.4621

People using gas ranges in their home will find little difference in the operation of the range in a recreation vehicle. Other customers, used to electric ranges may be a little apprehensive at first; but will quickly gain confidence. The basic operation of the gas ranges have been the same for many years, but please

be sure to read all the directions furnished by the manufacturer and located in the Owner's Packet. Excellent service and parts manuals are available from the manufacturer.



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## REFRIGERATOR

Manufacturer:


Dometic Sales Corporation 2320

2320 Industrial Parkway P.O. Box 490

Elkhart, Indiana 46514

Phone: 800.544.4881

Review all Dometic Literature supplied in your Owner's Packet or stored in the refrigerator prior to operating.

 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-volt current to operate its electronic board even if running on LP or 110-volt modes. The 12-volt 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 LP Gas burner.

The International 16 Ft. Model is equipped with a fan inside the exterior refrigerator compartment. This fan pulls ambient temperature air across the condensation coils on the backside of the refrigerator to aid in the cooling. A "Fan Switch" is located inside the exterior refrigerator compartment on the forward panel. You may desire to turn the fan off when using your patio due to

its noise. The fan is thermostatically controlled when the switch is on.

The fan does increase the cooling efficiency of the refrigerator; therefore Airstream recommends leaving the switch on whenever the patio is not in use. Please note that turning the fan off during hot, humid weather conditions may substantially affect the cooling capacity of the refrigerator.

## WATER HEATER

Manufacturer:  
Atwood Mobile Products  
6320 Kelly Willis Road  
Greenbriar, TN 37073  
801.972.4621

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 that has not been used for a long period of time (generally two 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 kitchen sink before using any electrical appliance connected to the hot water system. If hydrogen is present there will probably be an unusual sound such as air escaping through the pipe as the water begins to flow. There should be no smoking or open flame near the faucet at the time it is open.

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## 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 water expanding 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 just open any faucet and run as little as a cup of water. Just removing this small amount of water reduces the pressure build up 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.**

## 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.

## HIGH VOLUME ROOF VENT

Manufacturer:

FAN-TASTIC VENT CORP.

2083 S. Almont Ave. Imlay City, MI 48444

1-800-521-0298

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

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Open dome approx. 3" 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 lever (3-Low, 2-Medium, 1-High, 0-Off)
- 3) Open a window or door for airflow,
- 4) Source of airflow is determined by the window(s) or door(s) opened. For best results, close all roof vents and open 1 (one) window the greatest distance from



your Fan-Tastic Vent ceiling fan,

**NOTICE:** Never place Lindeen™ or a like cover over A ceiling fan. Greatly restricted airflow & increased sound levels will occur.

## WHEN EQUIPPED WITH REVERSE SWITCH

- 1) Turn fan motor off by:
  - a) Setting 3-speed switch to “O” - OFF. b) Closing Dome.
  - c) Selecting center position on IN/OUT rocker switch
- 2) Wait for fan blade to stop.
- 3) Select IN position brings air from the roof area into your coach (pressurizes inside).
- 4) Or select OUT position, brings air in through any or all openings in coach and exhausts through the roof.
- 5) Turn fan motor On.

## WHEN EQUIPPED WITH THERMOSTAT:

- 1) Follow “Operating Instructions: 1 thru 4
- 2) Select desired temperature or comfort level on thermostat. Fan motor will now start & 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 8 painted flat head Phillips screws around perimeter of screen insert only.
- 3) Clean screen with soap & water solution, dry, and reinstall.



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# SPECIFICATIONS

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

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

Two tags are located on the front roadside of your trailer.

The Tire & 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 Gross Vehicular Weight Rating.

Vehicle Manufacturing Tag lists the Size of tires and wheel rims, Maximum Cold Inflation pressures, the Vehicle identification Number (VIN), and Gross Axle ratings (GAWR).

The UBW and NCC weights listed in the Specification Table 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.

**Unit Base Weight (UBW):** is the dry weight of the base unit without options.

**Net Carrying Capacity (NCC):** is equal to GVWR minus UBW

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

### Recommended Cold Tire Inflation Pressure

ST 215/75R-14	50 PSI
ST 225/75R-15	65 PSI

# SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	16'	16' CSA	19'	19'CSA	23'	23'CSA	23' FB	25' FB	25'FB EB	27' FB	27'FB EB	28'	30'
Exterior Length	16' 7"	16' 7"	19'2"	19'2"	23'	23'	23' 9"	25' 11"	25' 11"	28'	28'	27' 11"	30' 11"
Exterior Width	8'	8'	8'	8'	8'	8'	8'	8' 5.5"	8' 5.5"	8' 5.5"	8' 5.5"	8' 5.5"	8' 5.5"
Interior Width	7' 7"	7' 7"	7' 7"	7' 7"	7' 7"	7' 7"	7' 7"	8' 1"	8' 1"	8' 1"	8' 1"	8' 1"	8' 1"
Exterior Height W / AC	9' 4"	9' 4"	9' 5"	9' 5"	9' 5"	9' 5"	9' 5"	9' 7"	9' 7"	9' 7"	9' 7"	9' 7"	9' 7"
Exterior Height W/O AC	8' 8"	8' 8"	8' 9"	8' 9"	8' 9"	8' 9"	8' 9"	8' 11"	8' 11"	8' 11"	8' 11"	8' 11"	8' 11"
Interior Height W/AC	6'4.5"	6'4.5"	6'4.5"	6'4.5"	6' 4.5"	6' 4.5"	6' 4.5"	6' 5"	6' 5"	6' 5"	6' 5"	6' 5"	6' 5"
Interior Height W/O AC	6' 7"	6' 7"	6' 7"	6' 7"	6' 7"	6' 7"	6' 7"	6' 7.5"	6' 7.5"	6' 7.5"	6' 7.5"	6' 7.5"	6' 7.5"
*Hitch Ball Height	18"	18"	17.25"	17.25"	17.75"	17.75"	17.75"	17.75"	18.25"	17.75"	18.25"	17.75"	17.75"
**Hitch Wt. (lbs.)	459	459	550	550	720	720	467	833	833	770	885	950	880
GVWR (lbs.)	4300	4300	4500	5000	6000	6300	6000	7300	7300	7600	7800	7600	8800
NCC (lbs.)	1039	1039	737	1237	1299	1599	1254	1748	1748	1836	1550	1747	2478
UBW (lbs.)	3261	3261	3563	3563	4701	4701	4746	5552	5552	5764	5750	5883	6322
LPG (lbs.) 2 Bottles	20 ea.	20 ea.	30 ea.	30 ea.	30 ea	30 ea	30 ea	30 ea	30 ea	30 ea	30 ea	30 ea.	30 ea.
Tire Size	ST215/ 75R14	ST215/ 75R14	ST225/ 75R15	ST225/ 75R15	ST215/ 75R14	ST215/ 75R14	ST215/ 75R14	ST225/ 75R15	LT225/ 75R16E	ST225/ 75R15	LT225/ 75R16E	ST225/ 75R15	ST225/ 75R15
Aluminum Wheel Torque ( Max.) Ft. Lbs.	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110
Steel Wheel Torque ( Max.) Ft. Lbs.	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Fresh water (gal.)	23	23	23	23	30	30	39	39	39	39	39	39	54
Gray water (gal.)	N/A	N/A	21	21	21	21	30	37	37	37	37	37	38
Black water (gal.)	N/A	N/A	18	18	18	18	18	39	39	39	39	35	38
Black/Gray combo (gal.)	21	21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## \*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 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 ball coupler. This figure is the hitch height. The hitch ball is then usually set ½" to 1" higher, according to the spring weight of your tow vehicle, to allow for it to settle when the trailer is hitched up.

\*\* Without options or variable weight.

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