

# INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

## **Airstream Owners Manual & Parts Book**

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Airstream.com contains the complete parts books for Airstream RV products from 1998 motorhome to date and the 2001-2002 Owner Manuals. The data is in Adobe Acrobat format. It can be printed or manipulated within Acrobat to provide expanded views. Acrobat's built-in search features will allow you to find parts by description or partial numbers.

When you open an Airstream Parts Book, you will find that you are on the first page of the index. The blue highlighted titles are hyperlinks that will take you to that section of the book. Positioning the mouse-pointer over the link activates the blue colored [Hyperlinks](#). When it changes to a hand icon, left click on the link to activate it.

Returning to the index from a page can be done several ways. The most direct method is to place your mouse cursor on the taskbar at the page buttons. The left icon will take you back to page one of the index. The previous view arrow will also take you back to the last page you were on.

The binocular icon activates the search function enabling you to search by word or number.

Be sure to click on the SHOW/HIDE Navigation Pane in the Acrobat Reader taskbar and try the Thumbnails and Bookmarks to find your way around the owner's manuals. Scroll to the index at the end of document (use the last page arrow in the taskbar) and use the Thumbnails to go to the page you want.

These hints will get you started. To understand fully how to use Acrobat go to Help on the menu bar. Of particular help will be the Navigating PDF documents.

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The first few pages before you get into the actual parts manual are provided to try to make your daily life a little easier.

The next page is a chart showing how to decipher Airstream's identification numbers. Last is a listing of the telephone numbers of Airstream's main component vendors.

Airstream has begun using "Z" numbers to denote wood type and color. You will begin to see numbers in the books that look like the following:

964764-00Z              Face frame, galley

A part number with a "Z" in the 10<sup>th</sup> position is a generic number. For different types and colors of wood the "Z" should be changed to the appropriate number by the dealer ordering parts as shown:

964764-002              Face frame, galley, **Walnut**  
964764-003              Face frame, galley, **Hickory**  
964764-004              Face frame, galley, **Saratoga Oak.**  
964764-005              Face frame, galley, **Maple**

As the transition is made you will find wood parts listed without a "Z" in the 10<sup>th</sup> position. They may have a 5, 4, 3, or a 2. Please be sure that the color or type matches the part you are ordering. Please list the wood type on your order to help prevent mistakes.  
Example:

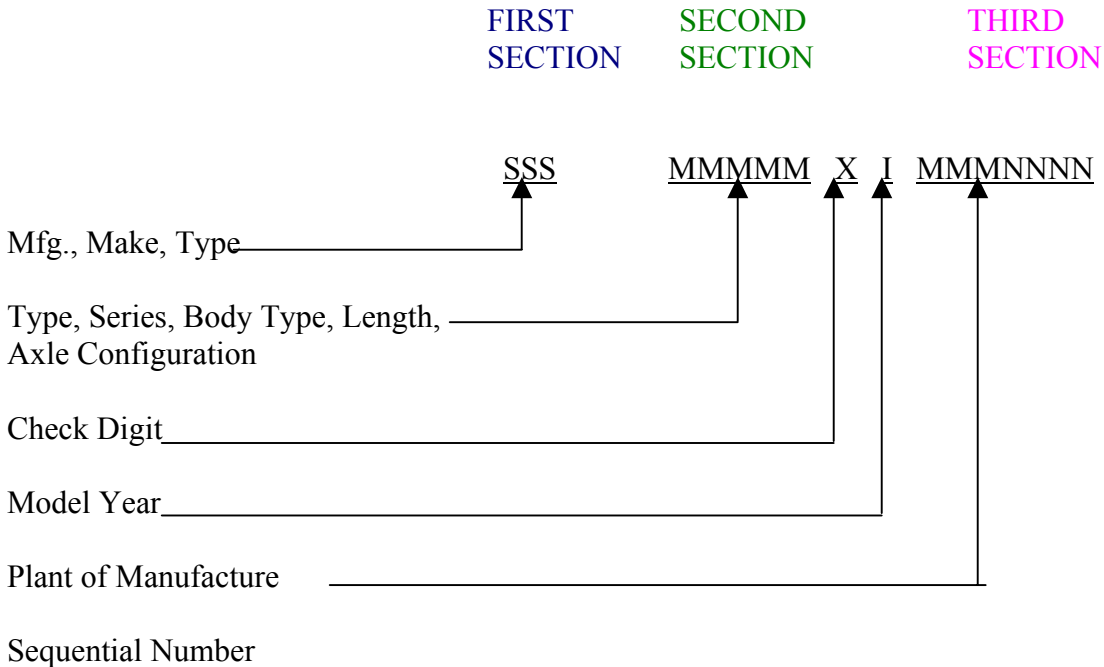
800597-01 will change to 800597-01Z or be listed as 800597-014. If you want Saratoga oak leave the 4 or change the Z to a 4. If you want Hickory then order 800597-013.

During the 2003 model year Airstream began using a natural oak finish on the furniture of the Classic trailer, 390 Series, and Land Yacht Low Profile motorhomes. The Safari changed to the laminate style furniture similar to the International. If you are unsure of the wood color, leave the Z in the part number and include the Airstream serial number of the vehicle you are ordering parts for and our parts department will check the color.

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## AIRSTREAM VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SYSTEM

The VIN is a 17-character field, which includes a “check digit” in the 9<sup>th</sup> position. Listed below is an outline of the VIN:



### ASSIGNMENT OF CHARACTERS: (I, O, Q may not be used)

- First Section:**            The “S” characters may be either alpha or numeric. They are assigned by SAE on the request of the vehicle manufacturer.
- Second Section:**        The “M” characters may be either alpha or numeric. The vehicle manufacturer assigns them.
- Check Digit**                The “X” character may be any digit or the letter “X”.
- Third Section**            The “I” character indicates the model year according to model year codes. The vehicle manufacturer assigns the other characters. The second, third, and fourth characters are either alpha or numeric. The fifth through eighth characters must be numeric.

- I.      First Section-Three Characters            **1STG**EAU36MJ000001  
The first section consists of three characters, which uniquely identifies the vehicle manufacturer, make, and type of vehicle. SAE has assigned Airstream Inc. the following identifiers:

1AB    Argosy Travel Trailer

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- 1ST Airstream Travel Trailer
- 1SC Airstream Commercial Trailer
- 45Z Land Yacht Travel Trailer
- 4UJ Integrity 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel

The following identifiers are used for internal use only:

- 1A9 Airstream Class A Motorhome
- 1B9 Airstream B-Van
- 1LG Land Yacht Class A Motorhome
- 1CT Cutter/Clipper Class A Motorhome
- 1XL Land Yacht XL Gas/Diesel Class A Motorhome

NOTE: Airstream may not assign the VIN for motorhomes. The chassis manufacturer i.e. Ford, Workhorse, or Freightliner etc assigns the VIN. Airstream Inc. may assign it's own 17 digit identification number for internal tracking purposes as long as it is made clear that is not the legal VIN.

II. Second Section: Consists of five characters, which uniquely identify the following attributes: type of trailer, series, body type, length, and axle configuration.

1. Type of Trailer (4<sup>th</sup> position) 1STGEAU36MJ000001

- A. Center Bath-Rear Kitchen
- B. Not Used
- C. Corner Rear Bath
- D. Center Bath, Center Kitchen, Triple Slide
- E. Not Used
- F. Center Bath, Split, Front Kitchen
- G. Center Bath, Roadside
- H. Center Bath, Curbside
- J. Center Bath, Split
- K. Rear Bath
- L. No Bath
- M. Center Bath, Roadside, No Dinette
- N. Side Aisle Bath
- P. Center Bath, Center Kitchen, Bay Window
- R. Not Used
- S. Commercial
- T. Through Z. Not Used

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## 2. Series (5<sup>th</sup> Position) 1STGEAU36MJ000001

- A. Argosy
- B. International
- C. Motorhome, Front Gasoline Engine, Workhorse Chassis
- D. Sovereign
- E. Excella
- F. Funeral Coach
- G. Motorhome, Front Gasoline Engine, Chevy
- H. Limited, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Travel Trailer
- J. Motorhome, Front Diesel Engine
- K. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Model \*8/29/00
- L. Limited
- M. Bambi
- N. Bus Type Motorhome, Front Gasoline Engine, Ford
- P. Safari
- R. Audiometric Unit
- S. Commercial Unit
- T. Bus Type Motorhome, Rear Engine Diesel, Freightliner
- U. Transporter (Bus)
- V. Legend
- W. Bus Type Motorhome, Front Gasoline Engine, Chevy
- X. Motorhome, Rear Engine Diesel
- Y. Land Yacht
- Z. Integrity 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel

## 3. Body Type (6<sup>th</sup> Position) 1STGEAU36MJ000001

The body type is listed below in alpha characters.

- A. Semi-monocoque, 96" wide body, continuous curved, shiny aluminum shell, contoured window glass, frames and doors.
- B. Semi-monocoque, 102" wide body, continuous curved, shiny aluminum shell, contoured window glass, frames and doors, roadside slide-out.
- C. Semi-monocoque, 102' wide body, continuous curved, shiny aluminum shell, contoured window glass, frames and doors, galley/bedroom slide-out.
- D. Not Used
- E. Framed shell, 102" wide body, swept surface, single door, fiberglass exterior, bus type front end, no slide-out.
- F. Framed shell, 102" wide body, swept surface, single door, fiberglass exterior, 5<sup>th</sup> wheel body.
- G. Framed shell, 96" wide body, swept surface, single door, fiberglass exterior, Land Yacht LE body style.

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- H. Semi-monocoque, 96" wide body, continuous curved, painted aluminum shell, contoured window glass, frames and doors; double door.
  - J. Framed shell, 96" wide body, swept surface, single door, painted exterior.
  - K. Framed shell, 96" wide body, swept surface, single door, painted exterior, and basement.
  - L. Framed shell, 96" wide body, swept surface, painted exterior, and 5th wheel body.
  - M. Framed shell, 96" wide body, swept surface, fiberglass exterior.
  - N. Framed shell, 102" wide body, swept surface, single door, fiberglass exterior, bus type front end, and single curbside slide-out.
  - P. Not Used.
  - R. Not Used.
  - S. Not Used.
  - T. Not Used.
  - U. Framed shell, 102" wide body, swept surface, single door, fiberglass exterior, bus type front end, and roadside slide-out.
  - V. B-Van, high roof, (Ford).
  - W. B-Van, high roof, (Dodge).
  - X. B-Van, high roof, (Chevy).
  - Y. Semi-monocoque, 102" wide body, continuous curved, shiny aluminum shell, contoured window glass, frames, and doors.
  - Z. Framed shell, 102" wide body, swept surface, fiberglass exterior, standard front end, no slide-out.
  - 1. Framed shell, 102" wide body, swept surface, fiberglass exterior, and standard front end, with slide-out.
  - 2. Framed shell, 102" wide body, swept surface, single door, fiberglass exterior, bus type front end, galley/bedroom slide-out, and basement model.
  - 3. Framed shell, 102" wide body, swept surface, single door, fiberglass exterior, bus type front end, galley slide-out, and basement model.
4. Length (7<sup>th</sup> position) 1STGEAU36MJ000001

The length is listed below in alpha characters.

- A. 19' to less than 20'
- B. 17' to less than 18' \*5/1/00
- C. 16' to less than 17' \*5/1/00
- D. 20' to less than 21'
- E. 21' to less than 22'
- F. 22' to less than 23'
- G. 23' to less than 24'
- H. 24' to less than 25'
- J. 25' to less than 26'
- K. 26' to less than 27'
- L. 27' to less than 28'

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- M. 28' to less than 29'
- N. 29' to less than 30'
- P. 30' to less than 31'
- R. 31' to less than 32'
- S. 32' to less than 33'
- T. 33' to less than 34'
- U. 34' to less than 35'
- V. 35' to less than 36'
- W. 36' to less than 37'
- X. 37' to less than 38'
- Y. 38' to less than 39'
- Z. 39' to less than 40'

5. Axle Configuration (8<sup>th</sup> position) 1STGEAU36 MJ000001  
Axle configuration code is listed below with numeric characters.

- 1. Single axle
- 2. Double axle
- 3. Triple axle
- 4. No axle

### III. Third Section-Eight Characters

- A. Model Year (10<sup>th</sup> position) 1STGEAU36MJ000001

A. 1980	L. 1990	X. 1999
B. 1981	M. 1991	Y. 2000
C. 1982	N. 1992	Z. Not Used
D. 1983	P. 1993	1. 2001
E. 1984	R. 1994	2. 2002
F. 1985	S. 1995	3. 2003
G. 1986	T. 1996	4. 2004
H. 1987	U. Not Used	5. 2005
J. 1988	V. 1997	6. 2006
K. 1989	W. 1998	7. 2007

- B. Site of Manufacture (11<sup>th</sup> position) 1STGEAU36MJ000001

The site of manufacture code in alpha characters is listed below:

J. Jackson Center, Ohio

- C. Sequential Production Number  
(12<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> position) 1STGEAU36MJ000001

This is the sequential production number assigned to each unit.