

1948 Airstream Liner

The Liners were available in 7 different standard option layouts: Southwind, Breeze, Chinook, Tradewind, Westwind, Zephyr & Sea Breeze. Typical features included: birch cabinetry, overhead cabinets with birch doors, a stainless steel galley assembly and ice-box, and a dinette. From 1947 to 1951 trailers did not have turn signals as standard, but were offered as an option as more and more states started requiring them.

Production moved from the Van Nuys airport to the factory at 1755 No. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA by early 1948.

Airstream Trailers, Inc. was formally incorporated in California on November 1, 1948. When the corporation was formed, it bought Wally's manufacturing company assets for stock and cash, and also acquired McFaul Brothers exclusive distributorship rights (for stock & cash). The five initial directors of the new corporation were Wallace M. Byam, William W. Lampkin, Daniel W. Gage, Arthur R. Costello (who later became President), and Claude McFaul, whose "McFaul Bros Trailer Sales" was responsible for retailing Airstream trailers at his sales lot.

The serial numbering was sequential for each different model length during the late 1940s. The 22' Liner typically had the 1000 series, the 28' Whirlwind had the 2000 series, the 16' Wee Wind had the 3000 series, and the 19' (then 18') Trailwinds had the 5000 series.