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## Section 1 INTRODUCTION

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

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


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

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

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Airstream uses the  safety alert symbol and signal words **Danger**, **Warning**, and **Caution** to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death. The following are examples of each type of signal word, safety message, and information message found throughout this manual.

## **DANGER**

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

## **WARNING**

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

## **CAUTION**

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

## **NOTICE**

Indicates a potential situation which, if not avoided, may result in damage to your Airstream. Addresses practices not related to personal injury.

## **NOTE**

Provides noteworthy information and tips about your Airstream.

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## Section 2 SAFETY

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## Safety Precautions

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

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

### Transporting of Passengers

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

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**Never transport passengers inside a trailer. Towing a trailer with passengers inside is unsafe and could result in death or serious injury.**

### Towing and Weight Distribution

Weight distribution is an important factor when loading your travel trailer. A recreational vehicle with the cargo distributed properly will result in efficient, trouble-free towing; [see Loading on page 7-3](#).

### Controlling Sway

Sway or fishtailing is the sideways action of a trailer caused by external forces. Excessive sway of your trailer can lead to the rollover of the trailer and tow vehicle, resulting in serious injury or death; [see Controlling Sway or Fishtailing on page 7-7](#).

### Lug Nut Torquing

Making sure wheel mounting nuts (lug nuts) on trailer wheels are tight and properly torqued is an important responsibility that trailer owners and users need to understand and practice. Inadequate and/or inappropriate wheel nut torque (tightness) is a major cause of lug nuts loosening in service. Loose lug nuts can rapidly lead to a wheel separation resulting in potentially serious safety consequences; [see Lug Nut Torquing on page 8-7](#).

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**Use a torque wrench to tighten lug nuts. Tightening by hand or with an impact wrench is not recommended. For lug nut torque values, [see Specifications on page 4-3](#).**

## Tire Safety

Properly maintained tires improve the steering, stopping, traction, and load-carrying capability of your vehicle; [see Tire Care on page 8-4](#). Also, be sure to read the Tire Safety Manual Addendum included with your owner's packet.

## Appliances and Equipment

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

### **NOTE**

**For additional LPG warnings and safety information, [see Section 5](#) and [Section 6](#).**

## Mold

Mold and mold spores exist throughout indoor and outdoor environments. There is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in the indoor environment, however, the way to control indoor mold growth is to control moisture; [see Inhibiting Mold Growth on page 3-9](#).

## Chemical Sensitivity and Ventilation

### Chemical Sensitivity

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Ventilation

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

temperatures and humidity are elevated. Remember, off-gassing is accelerated by heat and humidity. Open windows, exhaust vents, and doors. Operate ceiling and/or other fans, roof air conditioners, and furnaces, and use a fan to force stale air out and bring fresh air in. Decreasing the flow of air by sealing the recreational vehicle increases the formaldehyde level in the vehicle's indoor air.

## Do Not Smoke

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

## Medical Advice

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

## Alarms and Detectors

### Smoke Alarm

A smoke alarm is provided with your trailer. A manual pertaining to the alarm 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's must install included battery to proper orientation.**

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

If service is required or you have not received a smoke alarm user's manual, please contact the manufacturer, your dealer, or Airstream Customer Service.

## Liquid Propane Gas (LPG)/Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detector



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

### **⚠ WARNING**

**Activation of your Carbon Monoxide alarm's audible horn indicates the presence of Carbon Monoxide that can kill you. Leave the area immediately!**

### **⚠ WARNING**

**Failure to replace this product by the "REPLACE BY DATE" printed on the alarm may result in death by Carbon Monoxide poisoning. Replace By Date is five (5) years from the date of manufacture.**

The LPG/CO detector is located in the galley area. LPG is a mixture of gases produced and sold commercially as a fuel for heating and cooking appliances. LPG is highly flammable and, as a result, can be explosive if ignited under certain circumstances. LPG is heavier than air and, if confined in a closed space, will accumulate close to the floor. The LPG/CO detector is designed to alarm when propane gas exceeds 10% of the lower-explosive-limit for more than 30 seconds or if CO gas reaches unsafe levels. When propane gas is detected the horn will sound with constant beeps and the red LED will be on. If CO gas is detected the horn will sound with 4 rapid chirps followed by a 4 second pause and the red LED will flash rapidly.

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

### **Low Voltage**

The operating voltage for the detector is 12 VDC. The actual voltage supplied to the detector in a recreational vehicle may drop below the minimum 8 VDC. The

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

### **⚠ WARNING**

**If the low voltage warning sounds, the detector will need to be reset by disconnecting the battery, before normal operation will occur.**

### **Detector Test**

If the Silence/Test button is pressed while in normal operation, the alarm will perform a self test of the CO sensor, propane sensor and battery voltage. It is recommended to perform a self test weekly, after power up from storage, and before each trip. If the self test passes, the alarm will perform 2 cycles of the CO horn pattern (4 rapid chirps followed by a 4 second pause), followed by 2 cycles of the propane horn pattern (constantly beeping).

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

### **NOTE**

**For additional LPG warnings and safety information, see [Section 5](#) and [Section 6](#).**

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

# **⚠ WARNING**

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

# **NOTICE**

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

## ***This Carbon Monoxide Detector 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 detector 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 detector 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 CO gas at the sensor.

## ***Important Safety Precautions***

- 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 detector should be installed in or near every room that has a fuel burning appliance such as any room heaters, water heaters, cookers, grills, etc.
- Ensure that the alarm horn can be heard by all those who are intended to hear it. Seek medical help if it is suspected that a user of the RV is suffering from Carbon Monoxide poisoning.
- If the alarm sounds, make sure to investigate the problem. Ignoring the alarm may result in sickness, injury, or death. (CO may be present even if nothing is seen or smelled by the user.)
- Room spaces should be well ventilated when household cleaning supplies are used as these may cause a false alarm.
- Alarm should be tested once per week. If further details are required, which do not appear in this manual, contact the manufacturer.

## **What Is Carbon Monoxide**

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

These fuels include: wood, coal, charcoal, oil, natural gas, gasoline, kerosene, and propane. Common appliances are often sources of CO. If they are not properly maintained, are improperly ventilated, or malfunction, CO levels can rise quickly. CO is a real danger in air-tight trailers with added insulation, sealed windows, and other weatherproofing that can trap CO inside.

## Conditions that 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

- 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 and/or 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 area or calling for assistance. Also young children and pets may be the first to be affected.

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

## Basic Rules For LPG Safety

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

### **⚠ 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.**

### **⚠ DANGER**

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

### **⚠ DANGER**

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

### **⚠ 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.**

### **⚠ DANGER**

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

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

### 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

### Fire Extinguisher



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

### Safety

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

The side windows can be vented to allow fresh air in and stale air to escape, however, the windows were not designed as escape windows. Be sure to keep both doors unblocked for means of escape if necessary.

#### **⚠ WARNING**

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

#### **⚠ WARNING**

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

## NOTES

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## Section 3 GENERAL INFORMATION

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# General Information

## 2-Year Bumper-to-Bumper and 5-Year Structural Limited Warranties

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**2026 BASECAMP**  
**2-YEAR BUMPER-TO-BUMPER AND**  
**5-YEAR STRUCTURAL LIMITED WARRANTIES**

Delivery Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Airstream Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

PURCHASED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

PURCHASED FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dealer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS LIMITED WARRANTY COVERS:** The warranty coverages on your new Basecamp are summarized below. Airstream's Limited Warranty includes two (2) separate warranty coverages. Please read the warranty information that follows for complete details.

- **Bumper-to-Bumper Warranty Coverage** - The complete Basecamp is covered for 24 months, except for other coverages listed in this Section and those items listed under "What is Not Covered" later in this Limited Warranty.
- **Structural Warranty Coverage** - The main steel chassis frame, outriggers, cross members, laminated subfloor, aluminum sidewalls, skeletal framing, and roof (collectively, the "Structural Components") are covered for 60 months, except for those items listed under "What is Not Covered" later in this Limited Warranty.

**THIS LIMITED WARRANTY COVERS:** (i) The first retail owner and any subsequent owners (ii) ONLY those portions of a NEW Basecamp not excluded under the section "What is Not Covered," when sold by an authorized dealership and used for its intended purpose of recreational travel and camping; and, (iii) ONLY defects in workmanship performed and/or materials used to assemble those portions of your Basecamp not excluded under the section "What is Not Covered." "Defect" means the failure of the workmanship performed and/or materials used to conform with the design and manufacturing specification and tolerances of Airstream. This Limited Warranty is transferable, and the subsequent owner's warranty coverage period shall be the unexpired balance of the original warranty coverage period. A completed copy of the Warranty Transfer Form must be submitted to Airstream at the time of resale.

When you request and accept the performance of warranty repairs under the terms of this Limited Warranty, you are accepting all terms of this Limited Warranty, including by way of example, warranty limitations and disclaimers, the forum selection clause and the clause reducing the time period when suit must be filed for breach.

If any term or condition in this Limited Warranty conflicts with your state's Uniform Commercial Code ("UCC") as interpreted by courts within your state, the provisions of your state's UCC are varied as allowed for by USS 1-302.

**COVERAGE ENDS:** Bumper-to-Bumper Warranty coverage ends 24 months after the first retail owner takes delivery of the Basecamp from an authorized dealership. Structural warranty coverage ends 60 months after the first retail owner takes delivery of the Basecamp from an authorized dealership. Delivery occurs when the retail owner takes physical possession of the Basecamp or has alterations done to it, whichever occurs first. ANY ACTION FOR BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES RELATING TO, OR ARISING FROM, THE BUMPER-TO-BUMPER WARRANTY MUST BE COMMENCED NOT MORE THAN 25 MONTHS AFTER DATE OF DELIVERY. ANY ACTION FOR BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES RELATING TO, OR ARISING FROM, THE STRUCTURAL WARRANTY MUST BE COMMENCED NOT MORE THAN 61 MONTHS AFTER DATE OF DELIVERY. Some states do not allow the reduction of the time when a breach of warranty claim must be commenced, so the reduction in time when a breach of warranty claim must be commenced may not apply to you.

**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 WARRANTY AND ARE LIMITED IN SCOPE OF COVERAGE TO THOSE PORTIONS OF THE BASECAMP COVERED BY THIS LIMITED WARRANTY. THERE ARE NO EXPRESS WARRANTIES OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY ON THOSE PORTIONS OF THE BASECAMP EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE. There is no warranty of any nature made by Airstream beyond that contained in this Limited Warranty. No person has authority to enlarge, amend, or modify this Limited Warranty. The dealer is NOT Airstream's agent. Airstream is not responsible for any undertaking, representation, or warranty made by any dealer or others beyond those expressly set forth within this Limited Warranty. SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW LIMITATIONS ON HOW LONG AN IMPLIED WARRANTY LASTS, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

**DISCLAIMER OF INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES:** Airstream disclaims any and all incidental and consequential damages, including but not limited to expenses such as transportation to and from dealerships and Airstream repair facilities, loss of time, loss of pay, loss of use, inconvenience, commercial loss (including but not limited to 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 and moisture damage such as mold and mildew as well as rust and corrosion. This disclaimer is independent of any failure of the essential purpose of any warranties provided with the Basecamp 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.



**REPAIR REMEDY:** Airstream's sole and exclusive obligation is to repair any covered defects discovered within the warranty coverage period if: (1) within 10 days of your discovery of a defect, you notify Airstream OR an authorized dealership of the defect; AND (2) you deliver your Basecamp to Airstream OR an authorized dealership at your cost and expense.

**BACK-UP REMEDY:** If the primary repair remedy fails to successfully cure any defect after a reasonable number of repair attempts, your sole and exclusive remedy shall be to have Airstream pay an independent service shop of your choice to perform repairs to the defect, which requires the exercise of good faith. If you select an independent service shop, you must notify Airstream to allow it to work directly with the service shop to have repairs performed. The repair remedy and the back-up remedy MUST both be exhausted AND these remedies must fail to fulfill their essential purpose before you can seek other legal or equitable remedies for breach of this express warranty or for breach of any implied warranty. THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS NOT A WARRANTY THAT PROMISES OR EXTENDS TO FUTURE PERFORMANCE BECAUSE THE WARRANTY DOES NOT MAKE A REPRESENTATION ON HOW YOUR BASECAMP WILL PERFORM IN THE FUTURE BUT INSTEAD REPRESENTS ONLY WHAT THE REMEDY WILL BE IF A DEFECT EXISTS.

Unless prohibited by state law, repairs will not extend the time when you must commence a breach of warranty claim and shall not extend the warranty coverage period. Any performance of repairs after the warranty coverage ends OR any performance of repairs to those portions of your Basecamp excluded from coverage shall be considered "good will" repairs. Warranty repairs should be expected. Airstream may use new and/or remanufactured parts and/or components of substantially equal quality to complete a repair. Damage to interior or exterior surfaces, trim, upholstery, and other appearance items may occur at the factory during assembly, during delivery of the Basecamp to your selling dealer or on the selling dealer's lot. Normally, any damage is detected and corrected at the factory or by the selling dealer during the inspection process. If you discover any damage when you take delivery of your Basecamp, you MUST notify your dealer OR Airstream within 10 days of the date of purchase to have damage repaired at no cost to you. Minor adjustments, such as adjustments to the interior or exterior doors, drawers, and latches will be performed at no cost to you by your selling dealer during the first 90 days of warranty coverage; thereafter, such adjustments are your exclusive responsibility as normal maintenance.

## WHAT IS NOT COVERED

1. Accessories and equipment that are working as designed, but which you are unhappy because of the design;
2. Structural elements, components or other similar items of the Basecamp that are not specifically included in the definition of Structural Components set forth above in this Limited Warranty.
3. Normal deterioration due to wear or exposure, including but not limited to floor coverings, rust, corrosion, oxidation, and cosmetic blemishes. In addition, this Limited Warranty does not apply to consumable parts that are designed to diminish over time, unless failure has occurred due to a defect in materials or workmanship;
4. Normal maintenance and service items, including but not limited to batteries, tires, axles, axle alignment, glass breakage, fuses, bulbs, lubricants, sealants and seals, door adjustments, awning tension. In addition, this Limited Warranty does not apply to consumable parts that are designed to diminish over time, unless failure has occurred due to a defect in materials or workmanship;
5. After-market equipment or accessories installed on the Basecamp after completion of manufacture by Airstream, or any defects or damage caused by such items;
6. Basecamps not purchased through an authorized dealer of Airstream and Basecamps purchased directly or indirectly through auction, salvage, repossession, or other non-customary sale means.
7. Any Basecamp used other than for temporary recreation purposes, including, but not limited to, use of the Basecamp for residential, rental, business and commercial purposes, or any Basecamp purchased by, registered by, or titled in the name of a business association (such as any LLC, corporation, or partnership). If the Basecamp owner or user files a tax form claiming a business or commercial tax benefit or income related to the Basecamp, it shall be irrefutable that the Basecamp has been used for rental, commercial or business purposes.
8. Defects or damage caused by, in whole or in part, or in any way related to: Accidents, misuse (including off-road use), or negligence; Failure to comply with the instructions set forth in any owner's manual provided with the Basecamp; Alteration or modification of the Basecamp except such alterations or modifications approved in writing by Airstream; Acts of God or other environmental conditions, such as lightning, hail, salt causing rust, or other chemicals in the atmosphere; De-icing agents or other chemicals applied to the Basecamp; Failure to properly maintain or service the Basecamp, including but not limited to the maintenance of lubricants, sealants, and seals; 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; The addition of weight to the Basecamp that causes the total weight to exceed applicable weight ratings, or addition of weight causing improper distribution of the weight of the Basecamp; Failure to seek and obtain repairs in a timely manner; Failure to use reasonable efforts to mitigate damage caused by defects; Failure to properly ventilate the Basecamp; Improper electric power supply or improper Basecamp hookup to other facilities; Acts or omissions of any person or entity other than Airstream.
9. Hardware or software of a third-party device that is connected to the Basecamp or its components, even if integrated or delivered with the Basecamp. Airstream is not responsible for the quality or accuracy of any information or service accessed through or from any third-party device or platform. Software distributed by Airstream inside or outside the Basecamp (including, but not limited to, system software and/or applications) is not covered by this Limited Warranty. Airstream does not warrant that connections to, from or through the Basecamp will be uninterrupted or error-free. Also, the user should back-up their data and information frequently. Airstream is not responsible for any loss or damage to data or information made available in connection with the use of the Basecamp. In addition, this Limited Warranty does not apply to: (a) to damage caused by use with another product or service; (b) to damage caused by a third party device or service (including upgrades and expansions), or (c) to obsolescence or lack of utility due to incompatibility with future versions of external hardware or software, including, but not limited to mobile devices.

# General Information

**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, sign, and return the Customer Performance Checkout within 10 days from delivery of the Basecamp;
2. Notify Airstream or one of its authorized, independent dealers, of any claimed defect within the warranty period or 10 days thereafter;
3. Provide notification of a defect within 10 days of discovery of that defect; and
4. Promptly return the Basecamp 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 in one of the following manners, and specify:

1. The complete serial number of the Basecamp;
2. The date of original purchase and the date of original delivery;
3. The name of the selling dealer; and servicing dealer, if they are not the same.
4. The nature of the problem and the steps or service which have been performed.

Email: support@airstream.com • Phone: (937) 596-6111

Mail: AIRSTREAM, INC., 428 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 Basecamp 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 Basecamp for any warranty service shall be the sole responsibility of the owner.

**EVENTS THAT DISCHARGE AIRSTREAM'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS LIMITED WARRANTY:** Misuse or neglect, accidents, unauthorized alteration, failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance (see Owner's Manual), damage caused by off road use, collision, fire, theft, vandalism, explosions, overloading in excess of rated capacities, and use of the Basecamp for commercial, business, or rental purposes shall discharge Airstream from any express or implied warranty obligation.

**LEGAL REMEDIES:** EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION FOR DECIDING LEGAL DISPUTES RELATING TO THE ALLEGED BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY AND BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARISING BY OPERATION OF LAW AS WELL AS THOSE RELATING TO REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY NATURE RESTS IN THE COURTS WITHIN THE STATE OF MANUFACTURE, WHICH IS OHIO. ALSO, THIS WARRANTY SHALL BE INTERPRETED AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO. ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, CONTROVERSIES, AND CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS WARRANTY, WHETHER SOUNDING CONTRACT, TORT OR STATUTE, SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, INCLUDING ITS STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO ANY CONFLICT OF LAW RULE THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF A DIFFERENT JURISDICTION. IF STATE LAW GIVES YOU ADDITIONAL RIGHTS THAT CONFLICT WITH ANY TERM OF THIS WARRANTY, YOUR STATE LAW APPLIES OVER INCONSISTENT WARRANTY TERMS. For example, if you took delivery of your RV in California, the Song Beverly Warranty Act and Consumers Legal Remedies Act apply because they cannot be waived.

I AGREE THAT ANY AND ALL ACTIONS OF ANY KIND RELATED TO MY BASECAMP SHALL BE DECIDED BY A JUDGE RATHER THAN BY A JURY. THIS JURY WAIVER MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU IF APPLICABLE OR PROVINCIAL LAW PROHIBITS A WAIVER OF A JURY TRIAL. For example, if you took delivery in California, your right to a jury cannot be waived.

**CALIFORNIA CONSUMERS:** To comply with California's Song Beverly Consumer Warranty Act pre-litigation notice requirements (described at California Code of Civil Procedure Section 871.24), written notice can be sent to Airstream, Inc., either by email sent to the following email address: support@airstream.com, or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, sent to the following address: Airstream, Inc., 428 West Pike Street, P.O. Box 629, Jackson Center, Ohio 45334-0629, Attention: Owner Relations Department.

**CONSUMIDORES DE CALIFORNIA:** Para cumplir con los requisitos de notificación previa al litigio de la Ley de Garantía del Consumidor Song Beverly de California (descritos en la Sección 871.24 del Código de Procedimiento Civil de California), se puede enviar una notificación por escrito a Airstream, Inc., ya sea por correo electrónico a la siguiente dirección de correo electrónico: support@airstream.com, o por correo certificado o registrado, con acuse de recibo, enviado a la siguiente dirección: Airstream, Inc., 428 West Pike Street, P.O. Box 629, Jackson Center, Ohio 45334-0629, Attention: Owner Relations Department.

Before I purchased my Basecamp, I received, read, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this Limited Warranty. I understand and agree that the selling dealership is not an agent for Airstream but is an independent entity. I understand and acknowledge items of the WHAT IS NOT COVERED section of this Limited Warranty. I acknowledge and agree that, before purchasing my Basecamp, I inspected or was given an opportunity to inspect my Basecamp and disclosed in writing to the selling dealership all defects and damage that I discovered. For example, I inspected the underside of the RV for rust and did not discover any unless disclosed in writing to the selling dealership.

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Purchaser Signature

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Date

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Purchaser Signature

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Date

THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER RIGHTS WHICH VARY FROM STATE TO STATE.  
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## Service

### Coach-Net® Roadside Assistance



Every new Airstream comes with a three-year, transferable subscription to Coach-Net which includes a long list of premium services to help quickly solve issues or learn about your Airstream.

To learn more, scan the QR code above, navigate to <https://www.airstream.com/owners/coach-net/>, or call Coach-Net at 855-817-1885. On-call technicians are always ready to answer questions.

### Service Centers

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

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

Please contact your dealer if your trailer needs service. Major service under your Airstream Limited Warranty is available through our nationwide network of Airstream Dealer Service Centers. To find a dealer, please visit, [www.Airstream.com](http://www.Airstream.com) to use our dealer locator.

Occasionally, dealerships change, or new dealers are added that may not appear on the website immediately. Please note that all centers operate on an appointment basis for the utmost efficiency.

When you require service for your trailer from the Airstream Factory Service Center, or a Certified Dealer Service Center, please contact the service manager for an appointment, and inform them 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,  
428 W. Pike Street,  
P.O. Box 629,  
Jackson Center, Ohio 45334-0629  
Phone: (937) 596-6111 or (877) 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 [www.safercar.gov](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 [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

# General Information

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## Camping

### Suggested Pre-Travel Check List

#### *Interior*

1. Turn off water pump switch.
2. Check battery water level.
3. Close windows and vents.
4. Shut all interior cabinet doors.
5. Latch refrigerator door. (Seal containers first)
6. Hold down or stack securely all loose, hard, and sharp objects.
7. Drain toilet bowl.
8. Turn off interior lights.
9. Pull up or retract step.
10. Zip up shades.
11. Secure and lock both doors.

#### *Exterior*

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

### *Trailer Equipment and Accessories*

1. Water hose, 5/8 in. high pressure, tasteless, odorless, non-toxic, (2 25-ft. sections)
2. Y connection - water hose
3. Sewer hose with clamp
4. Drain cap with hose drain
5. Holding tank cleaner and deodorizer
6. Power cord adapter, 30-amp capacity
7. 30-ft. electric cord, 30-amp capacity
8. Woodblocks for leveling
9. Wheel chocks
10. Bottle jack (changing a tire)
11. Cross-type lug wrench and a torque wrench. A 3/4" thin wall socket is needed to remove lug nuts.
12. Quality tire gauge
13. Emergency road warning triangle
14. Tool kit

### *Motoring Essentials*

1. Display the tow vehicle and trailer registration properly.
2. Carry driver's license.
3. In Canada, bring along a non-residence liability insurance card and your birth certificate.
4. In Mexico, you must have special auto insurance.
5. Carry an extra set of the ignition and truck keys in a separate pocket, or in your wallet.
6. Keep an operating flashlight with fresh batteries in the glove compartment.
7. Pack the trunk so that you can reach the tools and spare tire without completely unpacking.
8. Keep sharp or hard articles securely packed, wherever they may be.
9. Carry a first-aid kit.
10. Carry your pet's dish, food, leash, and health and registration papers.

## Overnight Stop

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Before moving on, check your campsite, both for cleanliness and also, to 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.

## **⚠ DANGER**

**At each campsite, make sure you have not parked in such a manner as to block the operation of the doors 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 door.**

## Extended Stay

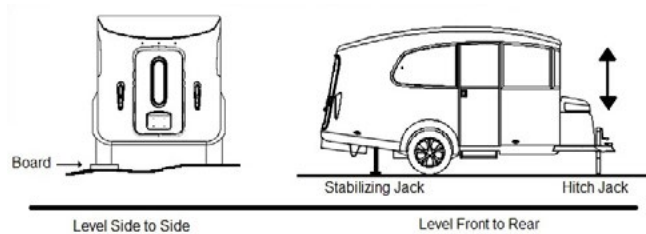
Making a long trip in your Airstream is not very different from making a weekend excursion. Since everything you need is right at hand, you are at home wherever you go. When packing for an extended trip, take everything you need, but only what you need.

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. If a correction is necessary, you must level from side-to-side first. This can be done easily by backing the trailer up onto one or more 2 x 6 boards. We do not recommend placing tires in a hole for leveling.

# General Information

## Leveling

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



## Stabilizing Jacks

The stabilizing jacks are located at the rear corners of the trailer. Use the manual handle to hand crank the jacks into position. Stabilizers should only be lowered enough to make contact with the ground. Stabilizer jack handle can be stored under the curbside dinette seat.

### **⚠ WARNING**

**Stabilizing jacks are designed to stabilize the trailer only. Misuse of the stabilizer jacks to level or lift the trailer may result in damage to the jacks and potentially the trailer.**

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

For more information on jacking, [see Tire Changing on page 8-3](#).

## Effects Of Prolonged Occupancy

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

Moisture can condense on the inside surfaces of the trailer during cold weather when relative humidity of the interior air is high. This condition is increased because the insulated walls of a recreation vehicle are much thinner than house walls. Also, the relatively small volume and tight, compact construction of modern recreational vehicles means that the normal living activities of even a few occupants will lead to rapid moisture saturation. 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 problem. When you recognize the signs of excessive moisture and condensation in the trailer, action should be taken to minimize their effects.



## Tips To Controlling Condensation

Allow excess moisture to escape to the outside when:

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

Avoid dead air spaces by:

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

To help alleviate cold weather condensation:

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

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

### NOTICE

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

## Molds

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

### Contributing Factors To Mold Growth

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

### Inhibiting Mold Growth

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

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

For more information concerning controlling moisture in the trailer, [see Tips To Controlling Condensation on page 3-9](#)

### NOTICE

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

# General Information

## Wastewater System

The main parts of the wastewater system are the toilet, waste holding tank(s), and tank dump valve(s); [see Drain and Waste System on page 8-11](#). The system is designed to provide complete self-contained toilet facilities, while on the road or parked, without being connected to a sewage line. It may also be used in the stationary position while connected to a sewage hose.

Keep the dump valve closed with either method and empty the tank only when it is nearly full. The idea is to send a large volume of water through the tank and hose at the same time to float solids away.

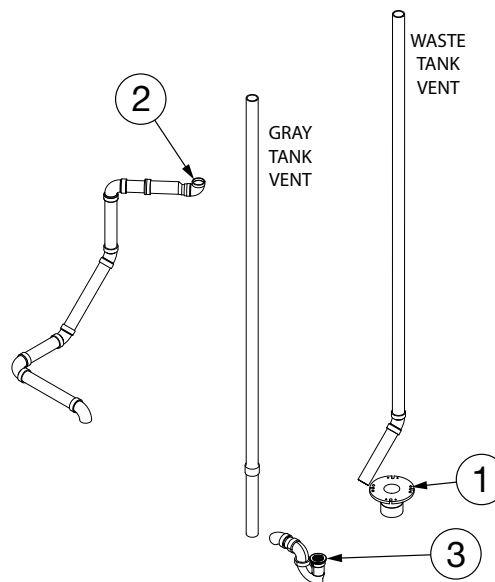
After the sewage tank has been emptied, close the dump valve and put approximately five gallons of water in the sewage holding tank. This will help prevent solids from building up in the sewage holding tank. The addition of a deodorizing agent like Aqua-Kem® will help prevent odors.

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

### Things Not To Put Into Toilet Or Drains

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

## Basecamp Xe



1. Toilet Drain
2. Galley Drain
3. Shower Drain



## Winter Traveling

### Freeze Damage Protection

Your airstream has two features that protect against freeze damage:

1. The furnace is ducted to heat every holding tank onboard.
2. All fresh water, waste water, and gray water tanks (or combination tanks) have tank heaters.

There are a few precautions to take to protect the fresh water and drain system plumbing from freeze damage when traveling and camping in freezing temperatures.

Running the furnace will help prevent freeze damage. However, some states do not allow LP gas to be on while moving. When traveling in these states, consider how cold it is, how long it will be before you can turn the heat back on, and if the temperature is rising or falling. When towing at highway speeds, the wind chill factor will cause the interior to cool much faster than sitting still. You might consider using battery power to run the tank heaters while traveling if there is a shoreline connection at your destination to recharge your battery. However, winterizing may be necessary before towing longer distances in freezing temperatures; [see Winterizing and Storage on page 8-13](#).

When camping in sub-freezing temperatures, it is best to plan accordingly. Fill the propane tanks and plan to have access to an external AC power source whenever possible.

To conserve LP, consider setting the thermostat to maintain room temperature. It is more efficient to maintain room temperature than repeatedly heating an icy cold interior.

To avoid depleting the battery from running the tank heaters, consider adding RV antifreeze to the waste holding tank and gray water tank to prevent them from freezing.

### Tank Heaters - Basecamp Xe

The fresh water tank, waste water tank, and gray water tank all have 12-volt tank heaters. They are controlled by a set of on/off switches near the bottom of the roadside cabinet. Turn the switches on to activate the tank heaters when the outside temperature nears freezing. Once activated, the heaters will cycle on when the tank's contents drop below 44°F and automatically turn off when the contents reach 64°F. Turn the switches off when outside temperatures remain above freezing and upon emptying the tanks.

#### NOTE

**While the tank heaters are effective, they can quickly deplete the battery. Plan to have an external power source available whenever possible.**

#### NOTICE

**Drain and winterize the trailer if the water systems are not being used during winter traveling. Refer to [Section 8 - Maintenance](#) for winterizing instructions.**

## NOTES

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## Floor Plan Basecamp Xe



## Specifications

### Specification Chart

#### NOTE

All product information and specifications listed are as accurate as possible at the time of printing. Since we continually strive to improve our products, all specifications are subject to change without notice. All capacities are approximate and dimensions are nominal and are checked and updated throughout the model year.

Item	Specification
Exterior length	20' 2"
Exterior width	7' 9.5"
Exterior height with A/C	9' 5"
Exterior height without A/C	9' 1"
Interior width	7' 2.5"
Interior height with A/C	6' 7"
Hitch ball height	22.75"
Hitch ball size	2 5/16"
UBW (lbs. with LP & batteries)	3750
Hitch weight (lbs. with LP & batteries)	506
GVWR (lbs.)	4500
NCC (lbs.)	750
Fresh water tank (gal.)	23
Gray water tank (gal.)	28
Waste water tank (gal.)	21
Combination waste water tank (gal.)	N/A
Lug nut torque (Max), aluminum wheels (ft lbs.)	110
Lug nut torque (Max), steel wheel (spare) (ft lbs.)	100
Tire size	LT235/85/R16
Tire Max cold* inflation pressure (psi)	80
Tire Max load rating (lbs.)	3042

\*The term *cold* refers to how long a tire has sat idle. *Max cold inflation pressure* should be checked in the morning (after sitting idle for at least three hours) before driving more than a few miles, or before rising ambient temperatures and the sun's radiant heat can affect tire pressure.

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The UBW and NCC weights listed in the Specification Chart are for the base unit with LP and batteries included (based on factory lithium battery installation). Heavier battery types will reduce the available carrying capacity. Always verify actual weight before towing.

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 coupler.

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), the value specified as the load-carrying capacity of a single axle system, as measured at the tire-ground interfaces.

## Specification Tags

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

Located towards the front roadside of your trailer are the Tire and Loading, and Vehicle Manufacturing tags.

The Tire and Loading information tag lists the Size and Cold Inflation Pressure of the tires on your vehicle, the weight of your trailer as manufactured, and the GVWR.

The Vehicle Manufacturing tag lists the size of tires and wheel rims, Maximum Cold Inflation pressures, the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), and Gross Axle ratings (GAWR).

## Measuring Hitch Ball Height

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

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

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## General Information and Cleaning

The interior of every Airstream is crafted with features that offer comfort, convenience, functionality, durability, and design appeal. Our goal in this section is to deliver the best experience possible by providing you with the knowledge you need to enjoy these features and care for them to ensure their longevity.

 The Airstream Supply Company is your trusted source to obtain care products and supplies to help maintain and enjoy your Airstream. Scan this QR code to visit and explore our recommended assortment of care products and much more at [airstreamsupplycompany.com](https://airstreamsupplycompany.com).

Many of the appliances and components installed in your Airstream come with manuals from the manufacturers that produced them. These manuals provide detailed instructions and critical safety alerts that should be read and followed before operating them. If any manual(s) have not been provided in your owner's packet, contact your dealer, appliance or component manufacturer, or Airstream Customer Service at 937-596-6111 or email: [support@airstream.com](mailto:support@airstream.com)

### Upholstery

Regular cleaning and vacuuming are the best ways prevent excess dirt from accumulating. To help extend the life of the fabric, wipe up spills as soon as they occur. For food and other common mild stains, rub the affected area with a soft cloth or sponge using a 1:10 solution of dish soap and water. For stubborn stains follow up with a mild solution of Oxi Clean™ then wipe or rinse with fresh water.

To disinfect, lightly spray with a 10% dilution of Household Bleach and water, or a 70% dilution of Isopropyl Alcohol and water. After the appropriate contact time, blot the surface dry and gently wipe or rinse with fresh water and blot dry.

For a guide to cleaning and removing tough stains, visit <https://www.nassimi.com> to locate their Supreen Fabric Cleaning and Disinfecting Guide.

### Interior Aluminum Skin

Interior aluminum skin can be cleaned 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. Do not use abrasive cleaners or utensils on the aluminum skin as it is coated with a clear coat that could be damaged.

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

### NOTICE

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

### Vinyl Flooring

#### General Cleaning

Use a soft broom to sweep the floor. A vacuum cleaner may damage the flooring, especially the type that use beater bars. Spills should be cleaned up immediately. For everyday maintenance, a mop moistened with warm water will suffice. When necessary, mop the floor with a non-abrasive, neutral-pH floor cleaner. Do not use soap-based detergents, mop and shine products, floor wax, Ammonia, or bleach solutions greater than 3%.

For an extensive guide to cleaning and removing tough stains, visit <https://www.ivcfloors.com> to locate their Mohawk Sheet Vinyl Installation, Care and Maintenance Guide.

#### Interior Doormat and Rug Selection

To avoid staining or discoloration of vinyl flooring, only use doormats or rugs made of natural fibers. The rubber-backed mat provided by Airstream is suitable for outdoor use only.

### NOTICE

**Rubber or latex-backed mats or furniture with rubber feet may stain or discolor vinyl flooring.**

#### Protecting Your Floor From Physical Damage

For spirit-based products such as shoe polish, solvents, hair dye, and permanent marker pens, wipe up spots and marks as quickly as possible. This also applies to mustard and strongly colored foodstuffs. Corrosive substances such as acid and alkaline solutions can damage the surface of the floor. Clean up any spills quickly and carefully avoid direct contact with the substance. Wear protective clothing such as gloves when doing so. Bitumen/tar from freshly resurfaced or melted roads and pathways, and some inexpensive rubber shoe and slipper soles can cause stains.

## Shower

Wet the shower surface and clean it using a non-abrasive sponge or soft cloth and a non-abrasive liquid detergent cleaner safe for acrylic, gel coat, and fiberglass bath surfaces. Avoid using acidic or harsh commercial bath cleaners. Rinse and dry with a soft towel. A wax or sealer suitable for these surfaces can be applied to the stall to restore gloss to dull areas when necessary, but should not be used on the shower floor as this could create an unsafe, slippery surface.

### **⚠ WARNING**

**Applying wax to the shower floor is not recommended and could create an unsafe, slippery surface.**

## Fresh Water Reclamation System

The Basecamp Xe shower has a Fresh Water Reclamation System designed to save fresh water and extend gray water tank capacity. Rather than letting the water run until it gets hot, you can set the diverter valve on the shower wall to recirculate cold water back to the fresh water tank until hot water reaches the shower.

**Operating the reclamation system:** First, set the desired hot water mode on the Truma thermostat; [see Furnace and Water Heater on page 5-21](#). Locate the diverter valve next to the blue temperature indicator on the shower wall. Once the water heater is ready, turn the diverter valve from the OFF position (handle down) to the RECYCLE position (handle right). The solid blue temp indicator will begin to turn white as hot water arrives at the valve. At this point, you can turn the diverter valve to the SHOWER position (handle left) and use the shower's hot and cold controls to take a shower as usual.

The System will fill the fresh water tank if the trailer is connected to city water and the diverter valve is left in the RECYCLE position. Be mindful of the fresh water tank level if you use the recycle feature while connected to city water.

### **NOTICE**

**To avoid filling the fresh water tank, verify that the shower's diverter valve is in the OFF position (handle up) before connecting to city water.**

## Shower Head

The shower head facilitates water-saving when camping without a fresh water hookup. To conserve water while showering with fresh tank water, turn the water off between lathering and rinsing.

## Retractable Clothesline

A retractable clothesline is installed for your convenience in the shower stall. To use, pull the line from the base and attach it to the holder on the opposite wall. Turning the nut on the base will tighten the line.

## Dinette Tables and Bed Conversion



### Table Installation and Removal

1. Pull the round center covers off each floor base.
2. Remove the tall pair of legs from under the galley and pull the tabletops out from the curbside bench storage.
3. Find the T-bolts on the bottom of each leg and turn them counter-clockwise until extended.
4. Align and insert the T-bolts into the rectangular openings in each floor base. Twist the legs clockwise and tighten until snug.
5. Align the tabletop sockets with the legs and push down on the tops until seated on the legs.

The tables will swivel/spin, allowing you to position them to your needs. When traveling or using the rear door to load cargo, remove the dinette tables and legs and properly store them.

Pull straight up on the tabletops to remove them, unscrew the legs, and store. Place the covers on the floor bases when the legs are not in place.

### Bed Conversion

1. Follow the previous instructions for dinette table installation but use the shorter legs in place of the longer set.
2. Start forming the bed base by removing the support boards from the zipper pocket of the overhead netting and placing them under the seat cushions in the cutouts at the back of the trailer.
3. Lift each seat cushion and fold the four hinged support boards out across the tables.

4. Unsnap the seatbacks from the wall and separate them at the velcro.
5. Using the seatbacks, fill the gap between the seat cushions to form the mattress. Place the smaller seatbacks toward the back and the remainder toward the front.



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### Partial Bed/Extended Seating Conversions

You can arrange baseboards and cushions in several positions. For example, you can set up two tables with a bench across the back for additional seating. Alternatively, you can set up a partial bed with one table at the front. Follow the steps above to assemble the bases and tables to your liking.

### Window Shades

Blot liquid spills with a clean, dry cloth. For oil-based spills, apply an absorbent such as corn starch, then remove with a straight edge.

### Counter Area

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

### Cabinet and Storage Doors

The black interior storage doors are acrylic glass and should only be cleaned using a mild non-abrasive soap, non-abrasive lint free cloth, and warm water. Dry with a non-abrasive lint free cloth to avoid scratching the surface.

### Storage

The Basecamp Xe features aircraft-style L-track storage (see below), D-ring tie-down anchor points, overhead storage netting, cabinets and cubby storage. Use extra care to secure items when storing them in these locations. Loose items can cause damage to the interior of the trailer should they become dislodged.

The heaviest items should be stored on the bottom, with lighter items placed higher. When loading, put

skillets and canned goods on the floor or bottom shelf, while cereals and crackers can be stored higher. Use unbreakable plates and saucers, and consider wrapping them in dish towels to secure them.

### ⚠ WARNING

**Keep flammable material away from the furnace and do not block furnace vents.**

### L-Track Cargo Rail

Your Airstream has a floor-mounted L-track rail (airline-style cargo track) and an additional L-track rail for hanging wet gear in the shower stall. This high-grade aluminum track is durable and lightweight and creates secure tie-down anchor points when equipped with L-track fittings.

L-Track fittings and accessories can be purchased and installed aftermarket. Scan the QR code on this page to visit <https://airstreamsupplycompany.com>. Enter L-track in the search field to find attachments like the quick-release latch or bike mounting system.

### Rear Floor Compartment

Basecamp Xe Models have a floor compartment that can be used as a cooler. The compartment can be drained by removing the drain plug.

### NOTICE

**The floor compartment lid has a 500 lb MAX weight limit and the interior of the compartment can hold 50 lbs MAX cargo.**

### Ceiling and Directional Lighting



A wall switch just inside the door controls step, front, rear and bathroom lights. At the rear door an adjustable reading light has been installed and is operated by pressing the lights lens.

## Plumbing

### Water System (Self-Contained)

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

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

### Water Pump

The switch for the water pump is located on the monitor panel; [see Monitor Panel on page 5-22](#). When turned on, the water pump’s controller maintains a consistent regulated water pressure and steady water flow based on demand.

The water pump is typically left off when hooked up to a city water supply. However, if city water pressure is lower than desired the water pump can be turned on to facilitate increased water pressure, provided there is a supply of water in the fresh water tank. The tank will be depleted by the amount needed to supplement the flow of city water.

Access to the water pump will be necessary for periodic cleaning of the strainer screen; [see Water Pump on page 8-10](#) and [see Strainer Cleaning on page 8-10](#).

#### NOTICE

**Road vibration may force a faucet open in transit.  
Ensure the pump is OFF prior to travel.**

#### NOTE

**If water flow is interrupted, check the water supply and turn the pump off and back on.**

## Draining System

### Fresh Water Tank and Drain Valves

The fresh water tank is located behind the battery bank under the trailer, behind the rear wheels. It is contained within a tank pan and has valves for draining the tank and water lines; [see Fresh Water Tank and Draining on page 8-10](#).

### Drain and Waste System

The Basecamp Xe has individual waste water and gray water holding tanks. The system enables you to use the toilet for several days away from disposal facilities.

Both tanks drain through a common outlet, providing the need for only one sewer hose connection when hooking up to a dump station.

Almost all campgrounds will have dumping facilities. Park directories, such as Woodalls and Rand McNally, also list dumping stations; [see Drain and Waste System on page 8-11](#).

Check your monitor panel frequently; [see Monitor Panel on page 5-22](#). When the holding tank is completely full, sewage cannot be emptied from the toilet bowl. If the holding tank is overfilled, drain water may back up and cause an unpleasant cleaning job. Never drain the tank at any place other than an approved dumping station.

#### NOTICE

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

## Toilet

### Standard RV Toilet

The RV toilet in your Airstream is a design that has been used for many years. One pedal is used to open and close the slide mechanism, as well as, open the water valve.

In normal use, depressing the pedal dumps the sewage and fresh water flushes down the side of the bowl. Water will continue to run into the bowl for a short time after the pedal is released.

When you wish to conserve water, hold the hand-spray head (if equipped) over the bowl and hold down the thumb-operated lever. When depressing 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.**

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

### ***Deodorizers and Biological Chemicals***

There are many deodorizers and processing chemicals 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 and tissues in your waste tank. These chemicals should be introduced through the toilet prior to use per the manufacturers directions. It's also important to always add a few gallons of water by filling the toilet bowl a few times and depressing the foot pedal.

### ***Optional Composting Toilet***

A composting toilet separates liquids from solids by diverting liquid to the waste water tank to effectively reduce solid matter volume, which allows the user to remain off-grid for extended periods. For instructions on using, cleaning, and maintaining the composting toilet, refer to the user instructions provided in your owner's packet.

Turn the battery disconnect switch to **ON** before using the composting toilet. The battery disconnect switch activates the built-in 12-volt vent fan, which provides a constant negative pressure to expel moisture and odorous air through the vent tube on the back of the toilet to an opening on the roadside exterior. The fan must remain ON until the container is emptied and cleaned to ensure proper composting and to avoid undesirable odors inside the trailer.

## NOTICE

**For proper composting and to avoid undesirable odors inside the trailer, the ventilation fan connected to the toilet must remain on and run continuously until the container is removed and emptied.**

### **Sink and Faucet Care**

To clean sinks and faucets, dampen a soft cloth with warm water and a small amount of mild liquid soap or detergent. Gently wipe down all surfaces, then rinse with clean water and dry with a soft cloth. Avoid abrasive scrubbing sponges, steel wool, scouring powders, and harsh chemical cleaners, as these can damage or dull the protective finishes on sinks and faucets. Using gentle cleaning methods helps preserve the appearance and integrity of the materials. For best results, wipe down sinks and faucets after each use to prevent water spots, soap residue, and grime from accumulating.

Avoid leaving cookware in the sink, especially metal like cast iron, as it can cause stains and scratches. Depending on the sink and faucet manufacturer, additional care instructions may be included in your owner's packet.

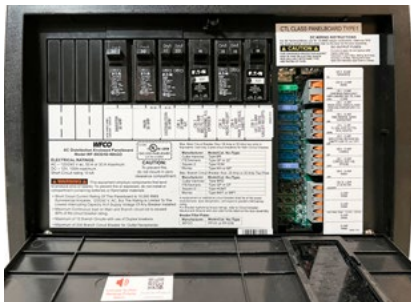
### Electrical System Overview

The electrical system features three powerful Battleborn 12-volt LiFePO<sub>4</sub> deep cycle batteries with a combined amp hour rating of 810Ah (9.7kWh), a 3000-watt inverter (part of the multifunctional Victron MultiPlus-II inverter/charger/converter) that powers everything onboard, and five 120-watt solar panels (600W total).

The entire system can be monitored from the onboard Victron GX Touch 50 multifunctional display, from your smart device via Bluetooth® using the VictronConnect app, and from Victron's online VRM remote monitoring system (VRM requires internet access).

The following sections provide an overview of the electrical system and its components. For detailed information on how to monitor and operate the system, [see Electrical System Operation on page 5-12](#) and [see Victron GX Touch 50 Display on page 5-14](#).

#### Power Center



The Power Center is a self-contained 120 Volt AC (120 VAC) distribution panel that houses the trailer's circuit breakers and fuses. Its primary function is to provide circuit protection for 120 VAC loads and is central to the overall electrical system. All converter/inverter output is routed through the breaker box to provide load safety protection. The power center is situated below the refrigerator. Open the panel door to access 120 VAC breakers and 12 VDC fuses.

The Power Center routes incoming 120 VAC shoreline power to the Victron MultiPlus-II, where it changes 120 VAC to 12 Volt DC (12 VDC) to power 12 volt systems and charge the batteries, as well as transfers 120 VAC power to appliances and receptacles. When disconnected from shore power, the Power Center distributes 120 VAC power from the Victron MultiPlus-II's inverter, which changes 12 VDC battery power to 120 VAC to power appliances and receptacles; [see Victron MultiPlus-II Inverter/Charger/Converter on page 5-15](#).

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**The power center is a centralized power switching, fusing, and distribution center. The potential for lethal electrical shock is present in this box. Inadvertent shorts at this box could result in damage and/or injury. All servicing of this box should be done by a qualified Service Technician.**

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**Disconnect/De-energize all main power service, shore power, generator power, and inverter power prior to servicing the breaker panel.**

#### *Circuit Breaker Protection*

Standard residential-style (resettable) circuit breakers provide circuit protection for all 120 VAC loads. Airstream has installed breakers per RVIA (NEC) listing requirements.

Incoming shore power is routed to the 30 amp main breaker which feeds the Victron MultiPlus-II via the inverter breaker, which subsequently feeds the distribution breaker and finally the individual branch breakers. The branch-breakers protect individual loads, which are identifiable by the affixed labels. Shutting off the main breaker will remove power to all branch loads (except for outlets/receptacles on the inverter circuit when the inverter is enabled, see GFCI next page).

A circuit breaker's ON/OFF switch function operates like a light switch: up is ON, and down is OFF. If an overload or short occurs, the breaker will snap to the OFF position to protect the connected circuit. As a result, any device running on the circuit will lose power. Before attempting to reset the breaker, consider the cause. If a connected device is faulty or uses a higher amperage than the circuit breaker's capacity, turn it off before resetting the breaker.

Before resetting the breaker, you need external AC power going to the breaker box. Firmly push the breaker switch to the OFF position and back to the ON position. If the breaker snaps back to the OFF position while resetting, a fault condition still exists and should be serviced by a qualified Service Technician. Suppose the breaker stays ON but snaps back OFF after turning on a possibly faulty appliance. In that case, a fault condition may exist in that appliance that will require service by a qualified Technician.

### Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI)

The GFCI breaker provides reliable overload and short-circuit protection. GFCI breakers protect against ground faults and provide additional safety to the occupants on all outlets/receptacles. A ground fault occurs when current travels along an unintended path to ground, possibly through water or a person, which may result in an electric shock. The GFCI compares the amount of current going to and returning from the device plugged into the circuit's outlet/receptacle. When the amount of current going to the device differs from the amount returning, the GFCI interrupts the current within a fraction of a second, removing power from the circuit, and protecting the user.

Each GFCI circuit breaker is calibrated to trip with a ground current of 5 mA or more. Since most people can feel as little as 2 mA, a shock may be felt. The shock should be of such a short duration that the effects would be reduced, less than what would normally be a 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 knowing that electricity can be dangerous when carelessly handled or used without reasonable caution.

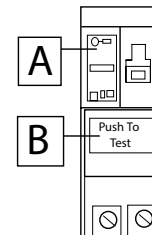
The system incorporates GFCI breakers that implement an auto-self-test functionality. When turned off, these breakers require external AC power to be present before they can be turned back on. If power is present, and the breaker refuses to stay on, consult an electrician or certified RV technician.

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**The GFCI circuit breaker will NOT reduce shock hazard if contact is made between a HOT load wire and a neutral wire or two HOT load wires. GFCI circuit breakers provide protection only to the circuit to which it is connected.**

### GFCI Breaker Test

Perform this test on the GFCI circuit breaker each month and record the date.



1. With handle A in the "ON" position, press PUSH TO TEST button B.
2. Handle A should move to the TRIP position, indicating that the GFCI breaker circuit is open.
3. Move handle A to the "OFF" position and back to the "ON" position to restore power.

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

### Fuses

When blown, the fuses housed in the power center will be illuminated by a blown-fuse LED indicator to help determine which fuse needs replacing. The indicator will only illuminate if the affected circuit remains closed and/or has a load. For example, suppose a light is burned-out or the switch to the light is off, resulting in an open circuit. In this case, the fuse will not illuminate.

#### **NOTICE**

**Most fuses will require a qualified technician to access and replace. Contact your dealer or Airstream Service Center.**

## 120 Volt AC Electrical System

### *City and Inverter Power*

The 120 VAC electrical system provides power to operate the air conditioner & heat strip, electric heat function of the Truma Combination water heater/furnace, converter, microwave, and receptacles. When connected to shoreline power, the MultiPlus-II transfers 120 VAC power to appliances and receptacles. When disconnected, the MultiPlus-II's inverter changes 12 VDC battery power to 120 VAC to power appliances and receptacles.

When your trailer is hooked up to external AC power (via shoreline connection), and the battery disconnect switch is on, the converter charges the trailer batteries. 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 120 VAC shoreline connection if it is available.

While you are connected to external AC power, the wiring is protected by circuit breakers in the power center breaker panel. In the event of a failure of a 120 VAC circuit, first check your trailer circuit breakers and the breaker for the outlet into which your trailer shoreline cord is plugged. If a breaker continues to trip after you have reset it several times, your circuit may be overloaded with appliances or there may be a short in the circuit. Try lessening the load on the circuit. If that does not solve the problem, consult an Airstream Service Center.

### **Power Board**

Many important electrical system components are mounted on the Power Board, which is located under the roadside bench seat.

To access it, pull outward on the lower vented panel to release it from the spring-loaded catches holding it in place. It can also be accessed from above by removing the seat cushions and folding out the hinged bed support boards to access a set of screws hidden under cover caps. Remove the screws to lift the larger hinged access board.

### *Electrical Component Ventilation/Cooling*

Some individual components have integrated cooling. The power board area and cabinet above have mesh vents and are ventilated by a cooling fan mounted near the power board components. The fan turns on at 107°F. A fuse for the Cooling fan is located on the Power Board. Avoid storing items in front of vents.

## **⚠ WARNING**

**Never block the electrical component vents. Doing so may cause them to overheat. Avoid storing items in these areas.**

### ***Components Located in the Power Board Area***

- Victron MultiPlus-II - Multifunctional Inverter/Charger/Converter; see [Victron MultiPlus-II Inverter/Charger/Converter on page 5-15](#).
- Cerbo GX; see [Victron Cerbo GX on page 5-15](#).
- SmartShunt; see [Victron SmartShunt on page 5-15](#).
- Victron 100-50 MPPT Solar Controller; see [Victron 100-50 MPPT Solar Controller on page 5-15](#).
- Push to Trip/Reset Breakers; see [Power Management Breakers on page 5-11](#).
- Main Inlet Fuse; see [Batteries and 12 Volt DC System Information on page 5-10](#).
- Power Management Fuse Center; see [Power Management Fuse Center on page 5-11](#).
- Battery Disconnect Switch; see [Battery Disconnect Switch on page 5-12](#).
- Emergency Battery Disconnect; see [Emergency Battery Disconnect/Battery Removal on page 5-13](#).

## **⚠ WARNING**

**The potential for lethal electrical shock is present in the power board area. Inadvertent shorts could result in injury, damage to electrical components, or both. All servicing of this area should be done by a qualified Service Technician.**

## **NOTICE**

**If the 400A main power inlet fuse is blown it is recommended the system be serviced.**

### **Batteries and 12 Volt DC System Information**

The Basecamp Xe gets its 12 Volt DC (12 VDC) power from a battery bank consisting of three Battleborn LiFePO<sub>4</sub> deep cycle batteries with a combined amp hour rating of 810Ah (9.7kWh). This capacity allows everything in your Airstream to be powered by the battery bank using the Victron MultiPlus-II's integrated 3000W inverter.

For important battery information and location, see [Batteries on page 5-12](#). The battery bank terminal leads are routed through the floor into the Power



Board area to a large red Anderson connector labeled Emergency Disconnect; [see Emergency Battery Disconnect/Battery Removal on page 5-13](#).

Cables from the other side of the emergency disconnect are connected to a stud-mounted 400A AMG main inlet fuse that protects the entire 12 volt system ahead of the remotely operated battery disconnect switch; [see Battery Disconnect Switch on page 5-12](#).

The disconnect switch controls 12 VDC battery power to the MultiPlus-II inverter/charger and 12 VDC distribution panel. When the disconnect switch is turned off, all systems running on 12 VDC power will be off. However, the power management system will remain active so the tow vehicle and solar system can still charge the battery bank. The disconnect switch must be on to charge the batteries via shoreline connection.

### Power Management Breakers

There are three 50A push-to-trip/reset breakers on the power board only to be used by qualified service technicians to isolate specific circuits for maintenance (listed below). To manually trip the circuit breaker and disconnect power to the labeled circuit, press the round button on the top of the breaker, which causes a reset switch to pop out. Push the switch back into the recess to reset the breaker.

- **24-Hour power Breaker** - can be manually tripped to disconnect power to the front end board, trailer brakes, hitch jack, and tow vehicle battery charging circuit. It also disconnects the main battery disconnect, Victron Cerbo, and Victron Shunt.
- **Solar Disconnect Breaker** - can be manually tripped to disconnect incoming solar charge supplied by the solar controller.
- **12 VDC Power Distribution Breaker** - can be manually tripped to disconnect the 12 volt current supplied to the 12 VDC distribution panel by the MultiPlus-II unit.

### ⚠ WARNING

**Do NOT tow the trailer with the 24-Hour Breaker tripped. The breakaway switch will NOT activate the brakes to stop the trailer if it detaches from the tow vehicle in an emergency.**

### NOTICE

**If the 24-hour Power Breaker is tripped, state-of-charge will be lost until the batteries are fully recharged to regain calibration.**

### Power Management Fuse Center

Fuses for the Victron Cerbo GX, Victron SmartShunt, and cooling fan are located on the Power Board (see previous page). If you replace a blown fuse and it immediately blows again, refer to a qualified service technician to correct the problem.

### Solar System

The rooftop solar panels installed on your Airstream help maintain battery health, reduce operating expenses, and extend the life of the batteries. You can remotely monitor the system; [see Victron Cerbo GX on page 5-15](#). To optimize solar charging, ensure the panels are clean and not shaded by trees or structures that might block the sun.

Your Airstream has an additional rooftop solar port, so an additional solar panel can be added aftermarket (see below). However, it must be the same as the existing panels. Contact your Airstream dealer for more information.

The solar system's solar charge controller gathers energy from the individual solar panels and stores it in the batteries. The battery disconnect switch does not need to be on for solar charging. The system charges the lithium battery bank using an adaptive two-stage charging process:

- **Bulk** - the controller delivers as much charge current as possible to recharge the batteries.
- **Float** - voltage is applied to the batteries to maintain them in a fully charged state.

### Solar Port

An MC4-type connector port is mounted curbside on the undercarriage at the front of the trailer, near the spare tire, and in front of the dump valves. This port is designed to be used with a portable solar charging kit. Portable solar panel kits must include a solar controller set to a Lithium profile and must not exceed an output of 300W. The solar port is fused at 15 amps; [see 12-Volt Diagram on page 8-17](#).

### NOTICE

**Do not unlock or tamper with the Control system settings. Changes to the settings will negatively affect the system's performance and could damage your batteries.**

### NOTE

**The solar system provides a charge to the battery bank but it is still possible to use more power than the solar panels can provide.**

## Electrical System Operation

The electrical system components discussed in this section seamlessly provide a smooth operating experience, whether towing the trailer to your destination, hooked up to shore power, or boondocking off-grid with battery power. The following touches on the individual component highlights, essential functions, and operations.

### Battery Disconnect Switch



The pushbutton battery power disconnect switch (above left) is located just inside the main entry door. When the button is pressed, it activates a motorized battery disconnect switch (above right) that automatically rotates to the on position. The button will illuminate to indicate the system is on provided there is sufficient battery voltage.

The disconnect switch controls 12 volt battery power to the MultiPlus-II inverter/charger and 12 VDC distribution panel. The switch must be on to charge the batteries from a shoreline connection. When the disconnect switch is turned off, items powered by 12 VDC will not have power. However, the power management system will remain active, allowing tow vehicle and solar system charging.

The motorized switch is accessible by opening the access door at the bottom of the roadside storage cabinet next to the bench seat. Should the motorized function fail, the knob can be operated manually by pushing in and rotating.

#### NOTICE

Rotating the disconnect switch manually without pushing in can result in damage to the switch.

#### NOTE

The motorized battery switch takes a moment to rotate to the on position so there will be a slight delay between pressing the pushbutton and the power coming on.

## Batteries



The trailer's electrical system features three powerful Battleborn Gamechanger 3.0 12-volt LiFePO<sub>4</sub> deep cycle batteries with a combined amp hour rating of 810Ah (9.7kWh). The battery bank is mounted to the undercarriage directly behind the axle.

The information in this manual touches on the highlights of the batteries' essential functions and operation. Before operating the electrical system, please read the Battleborn literature in your Owner's Packet for important warnings/limits, operating instructions, storage, and maintenance instructions. For more information, scan the QR code above or visit <https://battlebornbatteries.com/>.

Lithium batteries provide longer life and faster charging than lead acid batteries while still providing 80% of the rated capacity after thousands of cycles. Unlike lead-acid batteries, which require water replacement, lithium batteries require no active maintenance. For information on the various methods of charging the battery bank, see [Battery Charging on page 5-16](#). For battery maintenance and storage information, see [Battery Maintenance and Storage on page 8-16](#).

### ⚠ WARNING

Your Airstream Owner's Packet includes a manual for the lithium batteries. It is important to read the operating instructions before using the electrical system and to follow all safety notifications provided by the manufacturer.

### Battery Management System (BMS)

The BMS is an internal component of the batteries and is crucial in ensuring the safe operation of lithium batteries. The BMS monitors cell voltages, currents, and temperatures to ensure they operate in a safe range and will shut the battery down should any faults occur.

BMS Features:

- Over/under voltage protection
- High current protection/short circuit
- High-temperature protection
- Low-temperature charging protection
- Cell balancing

#### High Voltage Disconnect

If an individual cell voltage exceeds a prescribed threshold during charging (approx. 14.7 VDC), the BMS will prevent a charge current from continuing. Discharge is always allowed under this condition.

#### NOTICE

**Even though the BMS will protect against issues from overcharging, it should be avoided. The recommended specs are 14.2-14.6 VDC bulk/absorb and below 13.8 VDC float.**

#### NOTE

**If the battery has not been balanced for a long period, a high voltage disconnect could occur at a lower voltage. The battery will rebalance after several full charges.**

#### Low-Voltage Disconnect

If an individual cell falls below a prescribed threshold during discharge (approx. 10.6 VDC), the BMS will prevent further discharge. Although the battery is in "low-voltage disconnect" mode, it may still allow a charging current if there is enough voltage. Connect external AC power using the shoreline power cord. Bringing the battery out of low-voltage disconnect only "wakes up" the battery and allows it to accept a charge. Without shore power, the battery may go back into low-voltage disconnect as soon as you disconnect AC power. Refer to the Gamechanger 3.0 manual for more information.

#### NOTICE

**The manufacturer states you should wake your battery within 24 hours of entering a low-voltage disconnect; otherwise, you risk damaging your battery and voiding the warranty.**

#### NOTE

**If the battery is in low-voltage disconnect mode and the battery temperature is below 35°F, the heat function will need some time to warm the battery before performing the wake-up procedure.**

#### Temperature Limits

- The battery has an operating temperature range of -4°F (-20°C) to 135°F (57.2°C).
- The BMS will not allow a charging current under 25°F (-3.9°C) but will continue to discharge down to -4°F (-20°C).
- The BMS will not allow a charging or discharging current if the internal temperature of the battery has reached 135°F (57.2°C)

#### Cold Weather Usage/Battery Heaters

The batteries have internal heaters that will engage when the battery temperature drops below 35°F, provided both the battery heater switch and the battery disconnect switch are on. The switch is accessible by opening the access door at the bottom of the roadside storage cabinet next to the bench seat. When on, the heating element will automatically engage and disengage based on temperature.

#### Emergency Battery Disconnect/Battery Removal

The battery bank terminal leads are routed through the floor into the Power Board area to a large red Anderson connector labeled "Emergency Disconnect." To disconnect the battery terminal leads from the trailer and separate the battery from the entire system, firmly grasp each end of the connector and pull it apart.

#### ⚠ WARNING

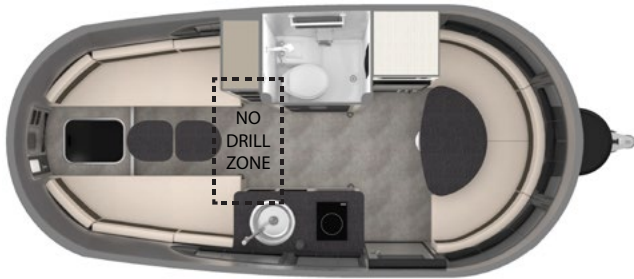
**Batteries should only be removed by an Airstream service center qualified technician.**

#### NOTICE

**If the battery is disconnected, state-of-charge will be lost until the batteries are fully recharged to regain calibration.**

## No Drill Zone - Battery Bank

The battery bank is mounted to the undercarriage. Due to its location, there are certain areas on the floor of your trailer where no holes can be drilled.



### ⚠ WARNING

**Puncturing a lithium-ion battery can pose serious risks. The diagram above is intended as a general reference and is not intended to be used as a guide for drilling.**

## Power Management System



Before operating the electrical system, please read the Victron literature in your Owner's Packet for important warnings/limits, operating instructions, and maintenance instructions. For more information, scan this QR code to visit <https://www.victronenergy.com/>, and navigate to the product information page to find instructional manuals for the individual components discussed in this section.

You can remotely monitor the system using the onboard Victron GX Touch 50 multifunctional display, the VictronConnect App via Bluetooth®, or the online Victron Remote Management (VRM) portal (VRM requires internet access); see [Victron Cerbo GX on page 5-15](#). The Victron System and most other electrical parts are mounted on the Power Board; see [Power Board on page 5-10](#).

### ⚠ WARNING

**Your Airstream Owner's Packet includes manuals for components of the power management and electrical systems. It is important to read all operating instructions before using the system and to follow all safety notifications provided by the manufacturer.**

## Victron GX Touch 50 Display

The GX Touch 50 displays real-time power management system data gathered and transmitted by the Cerbo GX, such as incoming and outgoing power, power sources and system loads, and battery state-of-charge.

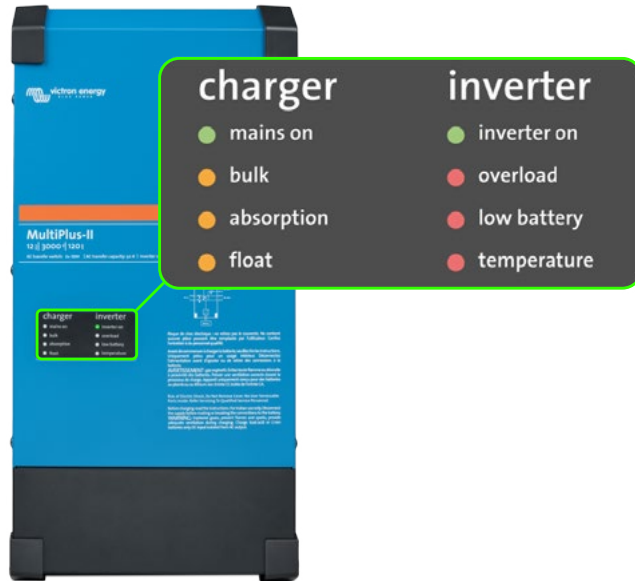
A single tap wakes the screen. Tap the screen to raise the menu bar to choose between views and settings. A small downward arrow may appear on the menu bar, indicating more content below to scroll through by swiping up or down.

Each block displayed on the screen shows data gathered from the respective component of the Victron System. The lines connecting the blocks visually depict power flow to aid in determining system and component status. The following information is displayed and may be subject to change with firmware updates:

- Incoming shore power.
- Victron MultiPlus-II Inverter/Converter/Charger status (see next section).
- AC load - inverter and shore power; air conditioner & heat strip, electric heat function of the Truma Combination water heater/furnace, converter, microwave, and 120 VAC receptacles.
- Battery percent state-of-charge and incoming/outgoing voltage, watts, and amps. DC power usage will be displayed when using battery power for items like the furnace, TVs, stereo, lights, and water pump. Positive numbers reflect DC charge.
- Solar power as solar yield (photovoltaic charge).



### Victron MultiPlus-II Inverter/Charger/Converter



On the front of the MultiPlus-II, you will find a group of 8 LED indicator lights that display the current status and condition of the charger and inverter. All LED indications are mirrored on the GX Touch 50. To fully understand the meaning behind each LED indication and how to resolve any issues, please consult the MultiPlus-II manual. It can be found by scanning the QR code at the beginning of this section or by visiting <https://www.victronenergy.com/> and navigating to the product information page.

The MultiPlus-II's integrated inverter is rated for 3000W continuous with 5500W peak power, allowing all of the 120 VAC appliances and outlets to run on 12 VDC battery power when disconnected from shore power. The Touch 50's battery display (bottom left side of screen) shows the incoming charge, which may fluctuate based on real-time demand. The MultiPlus-II automatically switches to inverter operation when no external AC source is available.

The MultiPlus-II's integrated 12 VDC charger has a rating of 120 amps. The load placed on the system determines the charging rate.

The inverter and charger can be turned on or off individually by selecting the MultiPlus-II on the Device List screen.

### NOTICE

**Running on inverter power at peak loads for long periods will trip Over Temp/Overload shutdown. Should this occur, reduce the load on the inverter.**

### Victron Cerbo GX



The Cerbo GX is the communication center of the Victron System. It provides remote monitoring capability using the onboard Victron Touch 50 multifunctional display, the VictronConnect App via Bluetooth®, and the online Victron Remote Management (VRM) portal (VRM requires internet access); see [Internet on page 5-18](#).

For instructions on how to connect your smartphone or other device to the Cerbo via bluetooth® and how to connect the Cerbo to Wi-Fi to utilize VRM, refer to the Cerbo GX Manual. The manual can be found by scanning the QR code at the beginning of this section or by visiting <https://www.victronenergy.com/> and navigating to the Cerbo GX product information page.

You can find the PIN code required for Bluetooth® connection and the QR code for Wi-Fi access on a label attached to the Cerbo. Use the default PIN code: 000000 if there is no Bluetooth® code on the label. For the cerbo location, see [Power Board on page 5-10](#).

### Victron SmartShunt

Calculates battery State-of-charge (SOC); linked to the Cerbo GX to provide power and charge-related readouts.

### Victron 100-50 MPPT Solar Controller

Gathers energy from the solar panels and stores it in the batteries, maintains battery health, and extends battery life; see [Solar System on page 5-11](#).

### Battery Charging

When the trailer is plugged into an external AC power source, and the battery disconnect switch is on, the 12 VDC distribution panel will receive power from the converter, and the batteries will be charged through the converter charging system.

The power management system remains active when the battery disconnect is off. Both the solar system and the tow vehicle to trailer charger will provide a charge to the batteries regardless if the battery disconnect switch is on or off.

#### NOTICE

**The shore amperage limit switch must be set to 10 AMPS when charging from 15A or 20A electrical outlets (residential); see [Shore Amperage Limit Switch on page 5-16](#)**

### State-of-Charge (SOC)

Because runtime varies based on demand and environmental factors, the best way to ensure enough battery power remains is to monitor the State-of-Charge (SOC) on the Victron GX Touch 50 display. SOC is displayed as a percentage on the battery icon; for more information, see [Victron GX Touch 50 Display on page 5-14](#).

The most significant loads on the battery bank come from operating the air conditioner or its heat strip, electric heat function of the Truma Combination water heater/furnace, and the microwave. The more these systems run, the more energy consumption.

If inverter use is extensive, the batteries will deplete much quicker. Even when not using 120 VAC power, the inverter will draw a small amount of power if left on. When not in use, turn the inverter off to conserve battery power. Consider reducing the temperature on the thermostat when using the electric heat function of the Truma Combination water heater/furnace and increasing the temperature when using the air conditioner. If you plan on staying longer without access to a charge, you will want to conserve your battery power by using as few lights and appliances as possible.

#### NOTE

**Airstream recommends turning the battery disconnect switch off during travel to avoid unwanted battery draw. If you need power on for the refrigerator, ensure the air conditioner and furnace/water heater is off to avoid inadvertent use of battery power.**

### Shore Amperage Limit Switch

To charge the battery using shoreline power, begin by selecting the appropriate amperage using the switch next to the motorized battery disconnect; see [Battery Disconnect Switch on page 5-12](#).

When charging from a 15A or 20A electrical outlet (residential), flip the switch to 10 AMPS to avoid overloading the outlet's electrical circuit. When charging from a 30A service outlet (campground), switch to 30 AMPS.

### Shoreline Connection Charging

Before charging, set the shore amperage limit switch and ensure the battery disconnect switch is on. Plug the cordset into an external power supply. Verify that only the cordset's blue LED indicator is illuminated and plug the other end into the trailer's roadside SmartPlug inlet. For more information about the LED indicator system, see [Shoreline Power Inlet and Cordset on page 6-5](#).

The Victron MultiPlus-II's converter charges lithium batteries using an adaptive two-stage charging process:

- Bulk - the controller delivers as much charge current as possible to quickly recharge the batteries.
- Float - voltage is applied to the batteries to maintain them in a fully charged state.

In some older parks and other locations where three-pronged outlets are unavailable, certain precautions must be taken to ensure proper grounding and polarity. These precautions are listed below:

1. Attach the three-pronged plug to a two-pronged adapter. The third conductor line of this adapter has a short wire lead that must be grounded.
2. Connect the short ground lead to a grounded outlet box or a cold water pipe for proper grounding. If no water pipe is available, you can create a proper ground by driving a metal rod two feet into the ground and attaching the ground lug to it.

You may want to install a 30 amp 120 VAC outlet in your home so you have a shore power hookup readily available. However, you must have the proper outlet installed. Typical household 30A outlets are wired 240 VAC for home appliances. RV outlets are 120 VAC. Ensure your electrician is aware of the difference, or they may mistakenly wire the outlet to 240 VAC.


### NOTICE

**Do not connect to a 240 VAC outlet. Connecting to a 240 VAC outlet may result in permanent damage not covered by warranty.**

#### Tow Vehicle to Trailer Charging



When the 7-way trailer connector is attached to the tow vehicle, the REDARC system charges the trailer's lithium batteries using an adaptive two-stage charging process (when the tow vehicle's engine is running). The trailer is isolated from the tow vehicle to protect the tow vehicle battery. The REDARC will still charge the batteries regardless if the battery disconnect switch is on or off.

 The front panel features 7 LEDs that display the charge profile and charge status. The REDARC unit is mounted behind a panel held in place by screws, under the roadside dinette seat. To fully understand the meaning behind each LED indication and how to resolve any issues, please consult the REDARC manual. It can be found by scanning the QR code above or visiting <https://www.redarcelectronics.com/us/> and navigating to the product information page. Charge times will vary depending on the battery bank state-of-charge, environmental factors, and tow vehicle alternator output amperage.

#### Solar Power Charging

The solar panels will still charge the batteries regardless if the battery disconnect switch is on or off. The solar charging system is primarily used to help maintain a charge between shoreline or tow vehicle charging. For more information about the solar system, see [Solar System on page 5-11](#).

State-of-charge and solar power input can be monitored on the Touch 50 display.

### NOTE

**The solar system provides a charge to the battery bank but it is still possible to use more power than the solar panels can provide.**

#### Outlets and USB ports

There are several outlets with 120V receptacles inside and outside of your trailer. In addition, there are several USB charging ports. The induction cooktop has a dedicated 20A outlet that can be found by lifting the cooktop out of the countertop. The cooktop can also be plugged into the external curbside 20A outlet. These are the only two outlets suitable for cooktop use.



The galley countertop has a retractable flush-mounted 15A outlet with two 120V receptacles and two USB charging ports. Pull up on the top to open and press back down to close and lock in place. The outlet is self-contained and sealed should any spillage occur around its casing.

## Entertainment

### Bluetooth Stereo Head Unit



The JBL Head Unit mounted at the entrance allows you to stream and control audio with a connected device like your smartphone or storage device. For a full instructions refer to the manual provided in your owner's packet.

**Connect via USB-C:** power on the JBL head unit and plug your device into the USB-C port on the front of the JBL panel. It will automatically switch to USB mode and start playback when USB is connected.

Disconnect USB to allow Bluetooth connection.

**Connect via Bluetooth:** power on the JBL head unit and press the Bluetooth button. Select 'JBL BT' on your smartphone's Bluetooth device list. A blue pulsing light indicates Pairing Mode; solid indicates the device is paired.

**Audio Controls:** short press the pause/play button on the front panel to pause and resume playback. Quick press the button twice to play the next track. Quick press the button three times to play the previous track. Adjust volume by turning the dial.


**Speaker Zone Control:** press the speaker/sound button to switch the corresponding Zone A and Zone B Speakers ON or OFF (Zone A speakers are the default mode when the unit is turned on). Press the button once; Zone A and Zone B speakers are on. Press the button a second time; Zone B speakers are on. Press the button a third time; Zone A speakers are on.

Press the lighting button on the front panel to change the illumination (Bright/Dim/Off).

## Internet

Airstreams have a few options to help you stay connected, stream entertainment, surf the internet, and share your adventures with family and friends.

### *Airstream Connected, Wi-Fi*

 Your Airstream comes pre-wired to have an aftermarket Airstream Connected Wi-Fi kit installed. For more information, scan this QR code or visit <https://www.airstream.com/connected/>. Stay connected to the amenities you demand with a boosted Wi-Fi signal or a dedicated 4G LTE-A internet service (requires data plan activation). Contact your preferred dealer's service department to schedule your installation.

### *Ethernet Port*

You can establish an internet or satellite connection by attaching a service provider's ethernet cable to the external roadside SmartPlug Ethernet Port (see [SmartPlug Ethernet Port on page 6-5](#)). The external port is routed to an internal ethernet port inside the rear cubby of the roadside bench seat.



## Appliances

### Appliance Manufacturer's Manuals

The appliances installed in your Airstream typically include manuals provided by their respective manufacturers, which are often found in your owner's packet. If a manual didn't come with the appliance, the Certified Performance Checkout sheet in your owner's packet lists the manufacturer, model, and serial number for each appliance.

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**Always read and follow each appliance manufacturer's instructions before use. Their manuals include critical safety information and guidance on proper use and maintenance.**

The information contained in the appliance manuals supersedes any information contained in the Airstream Owner's Manual content on appliances. If you believe contradictory information on appliances is contained in this manual, or if any appliance manual(s) have not been provided with your Airstream, contact your dealer, the respective appliance manufacturer, or Airstream Customer Service at 937-596-6111 or email: support@airstream.com.

#### **⚠ DANGER**

**Airstream recommends shutting off the gas supply at the LPG tanks before refueling the tow vehicle or entering a refueling station. Many LPG appliances used in trailers vent to the exterior. When parked near a fuel pump, gasoline fumes can enter these vents and ignite from an open burner flame CAUSING A FIRE OR AN EXPLOSION.**

### Maintenance

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

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

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

### Air Conditioner

If equipped with an air conditioner, you will find in your owner's packet a manual covering operating and maintenance instructions. If the manual is misplaced, contact the A/C manufacturer or your Airstream dealer for replacement.

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

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

We recommend cleaning the filters at least every two weeks when running the air conditioner continuously.

#### **⚠ WARNING**

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

### Cooktop

Your airstream has a single burner induction cooktop. It has a dedicated 20A outlet. The cooktop can be removed and plugged into the external curbside 20A outlet. These are the only two outlets suitable for cooktop use. The provided cutting board can be inserted into the empty space in the countertop.

Because the cooktop is induction, it will only work with cookware that has magnetic properties including cast iron and steel cookware. Aluminum, copper, and other non-ferrous metal cookware will not work. Refer to the manufacturer's directions in your owner's packet for additional information.

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**An operation manual for the cooktop has been provided with your owner's packet. If this has not been provided with your trailer, contact the listed manufacturer to obtain. Their manual contains specialized warnings and cautions that should be reviewed prior to operating the appliance.**

## Ceiling Vent Fan



### Operation

Review the vent fan manufacturer's instructions in your owner's packet before operating, cleaning, or servicing the fan. Follow the labeling on the fan to unlock, open, and change fan settings as desired. Certain models have a built-in safety switch that will not allow the motor to operate unless the dome is open approximately 3 inches or more.

The high-volume ceiling vent exhausts stale hot air and draws in fresh, clean air. To maximize airflow, close all other vents and open the window or door furthest from the vent fan.

### NOTICE

For models with a locking knob, it may be necessary to slightly rotate the knob to properly align it to the lock. Do not use excessive force when operating the locking knob.

### Cleaning Instructions

### ⚠ CAUTION

Never operate the fan with the screen removed and always disconnect power before cleaning or servicing. Review the vent fan manufacturer's cleaning instructions before cleaning or servicing the fan.

To clean the screen, turn the fan motor and battery disconnect switch OFF. The screen may be friction held or have retainer clips that need turned halfway to remove. Remove the screen and clean with a mild soap and water solution. Carefully pat dry with a soft cloth and reinstall.

### NOTICE

The use of certain cleaners can cause cracking and product failure. Review the vent fan manufacturer's cleaning instructions before cleaning or servicing the fan.

## Exhaust Vent



### Operation

The bath exhaust vent (shown above) removes moisture from the air when using the shower. To operate, you first need to open the vent.

To open the vent, push the button on the handle to disengage the clip and slide the handle upward until the clip engages. Once open, turn the fan on by pressing the ON/OFF button.

Turn the fan OFF before closing the vent.

To close the vent, push the button on the handle to disengage the clip and pull the handle down until the clip engages in the lowered position.

### NOTICE

Turn OFF the fan before closing the vent. Damage to the motor can occur if the fan runs with the vent closed.

### Cleaning Instructions

### ⚠ CAUTION

Never operate the fan with the screen removed and always disconnect power before cleaning or servicing. Review the vent fan manufacturer's cleaning instructions before cleaning or servicing the fan.

To clean the screen, turn the fan motor and battery disconnect switch OFF. Remove the four retainer screws. Clean the screen with a mild soap and water solution only.

### Fuse

To change the 5 Amp fuse:

1. Make sure the fan is off.
2. Remove the cap by turning it to the left to gain access.
3. Replace with a type GMA 5A fast-acting fuse.
4. Replace the cap to secure the fuse in the holder.

## Furnace and Water Heater



The combination furnace/water heater controls are adjustable through the Truma Control Panel. LP gas model Truma systems will have 3 selectable modes of power: LP gas, electric, or LP gas/electric mix.

During winter operation, the trailer is heated and the water is warmed up at the same time; during summer operation, only the water is warmed up. The furnace can be operated even if the tank hasn't been filled.

The Truma unit is under the curbside bench seat and can be accessed by removing the seat cushions and folding out the hinged bed support boards to access a set of screws hidden under cover caps. Remove the screws to lift the larger hinged access board.

### Selectable Modes Of Operation

1. Heating Mode - The furnace automatically selects the proper operating level based on the difference between the desired temperature set at the control panel and the current room temperature. If there is any water in the water container, it will be heated automatically. The water temperature will not be regulated, but it will reach a maximum of 162°F.
2. Hot Water Mode - Hot water mode is ideal if only hot water is required. In hot water mode, the burner will switch off as soon as the water reaches the temperature selected at the CP Plus Control Panel.

### NOTICE

The furnace/water heater does not feature a frost-protection function. The water container must be drained if the trailer will not be used whenever there is a risk of frost.

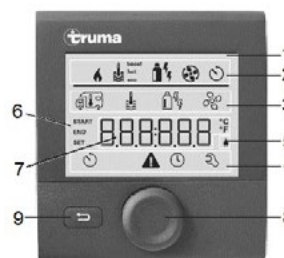
### NOTICE

The furnace/water heater manufacturer does not recommend blowing air through the water heater or adding antifreeze to the water heater. Air pressure and antifreeze will cause damage to internal components. Refer to the manufacturer's user manual for additional winterization instructions.

### NOTICE

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

### Truma Combi CP Plus Control Panel



The CP Plus control panel controls and monitors the Truma Combi™ furnace and water heater.

1. Display
2. Status line
3. Menu line (top)
4. Menu line (bottom)
5. Power supply display 120 VAC (main supply)
6. Time switch display
7. Settings/values
8. Rotary push button
9. Back button

### Safe Operation

#### ⚠ DANGER

**DO NOT** run the fuel fired function of the heating/hot water system in an enclosed building or a partly enclosed area such as a garage where exhaust fumes can accumulate and create unsafe conditions.

#### ⚠ WARNING

Carefully read all the manufacturer's instructions prior to operating. **NEVER** store flammable material in close proximity to the exhaust outlet on the side of the trailer. Hot exhaust system components can cause burns if touched, even briefly.

### Microwave Ovens

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

## Monitor Panel



Tank levels are monitored by sender pads mounted on the sides of each tank. Data from each sender pad is transmitted to the Monitor Panel display through a single two-conductor wire. When a button for a particular tank is pressed, the display powers up to show the current level. The display also indicates the battery voltage when the BATT button is pushed.

### Viewing Tank Levels

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

If another button (including BATT) is pressed before the 5-second time is up for the first button, the display will immediately switch to show the new level or voltage. The 5-second time-out is restarted every time a button is pressed.

To continuously display a reading, press and release the desired button, then press the same button again. The display will be on hold mode when the button is released, indicated by the decimal point on the right-hand side. While the display is in hold mode, it will recheck the level once per second so the user can watch the level change while the tank is 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. By pushing two buttons at once, the diagnostic functions can be accessed.

### Viewing Battery Voltage

Press the BATT button and release it; the display will show the battery voltage on the LED display. The display will shut down after about 5 seconds if no other button is pressed.

If the BATT button is held down, the display continuously rechecks the voltage and shows the updated value. The reading may flicker back and forth between two values.

If another button is pressed before the 5-second time is up for the BATT button, the display will immediately switch to show the value for the new button. The 5-second time-out is restarted every time a button is pressed. There is no hold mode for the battery voltage.

## Refrigerator

Your Basecamp Xe is equipped with a 12V refrigerator. Review all refrigerator literature supplied in your owner's packet or stored in the refrigerator prior to operating.

### Operation

The refrigerator operates on 12-volt current from the batteries. All units are supplied with a wide range thermostat designed to sense the evaporator (cold plate) temperature. The coldest position on the thermostat is reached by turning the knob to the right (clockwise); conversely turning the thermostat knob to the left (counterclockwise) yields a warmer setting. The OFF position is reached by turning hard counterclockwise past the click. The reference point is shown with an indicator sticker beside the knob.

### Start up

Turn the power on and set the thermostat between 3 and 4 and make further adjustments after the box has cooled down. Allow the refrigerator to come down to temperature before loading with product. Adding pre-cooled product will help keep the temperature stable when loading. Setting the thermostat to a higher setting e.g., 7, will not decrease the time required for the unit to cool down to its normal operating temperature.

### Defrost and Cleaning

The frequency of defrost is dependent on the number of door openings, the ambient temperature and the humidity level. Typically, it is a good practice to defrost once there is  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch of frost buildup on either side of the evaporator (cold plate). When defrosting, the unit is shut off by turning the thermostat counterclockwise to the OFF (0) position. Prop the door open. We suggest placing a towel in the bottom of the refrigerator to catch excess moisture.

Now that the unit has been defrosted, the interior can be cleaned with a non-abrasive cleaner. Do not use "Brillo" or "SOS" type abrasive pads, as they will score the surfaces. Baking soda is recommended.

## NOTICE

**Speeding up the defrost process with a knife or scraper is strongly discouraged due to the likelihood of rupturing the refrigerant circuit.**

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## Exterior Care

 The Airstream Supply Company is your trusted source for Airstream-approved cleaners, sealants, and other care products and supplies needed to properly maintain your Airstream's exterior. Scan this QR code to visit and explore our recommended assortment of RV care products and much more at [airstreamsupplycompany.com](http://airstreamsupplycompany.com).

## Exterior Skin

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

### 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 grain of the trailer (washing or polishing). Never rub hard on the coating. Even the softest rag will damage the coating if excessive pressure is applied.**

### NOTICE

**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.

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

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

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

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

It is recommended that the caulking and sealant used in external seams and joints, such as end-shell segments and around window frames, light bezels, beltline and rub rail molding, etc., be checked once a year. If this material has dried 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 sealing products are available from your Airstream dealer.

## Windows

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

### ⚠ WARNING

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

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

## Aluminum Wheels

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

## General Information and Operation

### Step

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

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**Never enter the trailer without lowering the steps. Always check that the steps are down before stepping out of the trailer. Once the steps are lowered, press down on them to make sure they are secure in their notches. Never travel with step lowered or extended.**

### Main Door

The main door of the trailer is manufactured with a built-in, keyed deadbolt and door lock. The door lock is engaged from the outside using a key. The deadbolt is engaged from the inside by turning the knob or from the outside with a key.

#### **⚠ WARNING**

##### **BEFORE TOWING**

**Lock the main door handle and deadbolt, and lock the rear door deadbolt from the exterior using the keys. Failure to fully lock the doors may result in a door vibrating open during travel.**

The door has a holdback that can be used to keep the door open. It is mounted on the trailer's exterior skin. To use it, open the door carefully and latch the hook into the eyelet on the door.

For lubrication and out-of-adjustment issues; see [Exterior Doors on page 8-16](#).

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**Never transport passengers inside a trailer. Towing a trailer with passengers inside is unsafe and could result in death or serious injury.**

#### **NOTICE**

**To avoid damaging the door jamb and latch assembly, ensure the deadbolt is retracted before closing the door.**

### Screen Door

The screen door is secured to the threshold of the main door and can be operated independently by sliding and latching it via a magnet catch. This innovative door takes a fresh approach to maximizing fresh air and your view while offering a smooth and steady screen operation.

### Rear Door and Screen

The rear door provides access to load and store large items such as canoes or bicycles. A removable screen door that easily snaps to the door frame has been provided. The screen door can be unsnapped at the sides, rolled up for entry, or completely removed and stored when not in use.

The rear door deadbolt lock is engaged from the inside by turning the knob or from the outside with a key. Always lock the rear door before towing; see the **BEFORE TOWING** warning on this page.

The door has a holdback that can be used to keep the door open. It is mounted on the trailer's exterior skin. To use it, open the door carefully and latch the hook into the eyelet on the door.

#### **NOTICE**

**To avoid damaging the door jamb and latch assembly, ensure the deadbolt is retracted before closing the door.**

### Front End Protection

#### *Window Stone Guards*

The tinted solar plexiglass window stone guards on the front of your Airstream provide added protection from road debris while traveling and reduce the effects of sun rays.

The window guards are accessible for cleaning. Loosen the screw at the edge of the guard a quarter-turn to swing the guard outward on the hinge.

#### **NOTICE**

**Close all window guards before high winds and storm conditions approach or when towing to avoid damage to the trailer and window guards that cannot be covered by warranty.**

#### *Shell Protection*

The Basecamp Xe comes standard with durable black protective coated front stone guards to protect the front end from road debris. The guards can be cleaned with soap and water. You can clean behind the wraps by swinging them forward on their hinges. They are locked in place around the perimeter with acorn-style nuts that are removable with a 7/16" wrench.

## Exterior

### Gravity Water Fill

The gravity water fill is located on the side of the trailer, behind a locked compartment. It is used to fill the fresh water tank with potable water. A small vent is located next to the port to allow air to expel from the tank as it is filled.

Fill the water tank by inserting a high-pressure RV/ Marine FDA approved drinking water hose of at least ½-in. diameter made from material that is tasteless, odorless, and non-toxic. It's a good idea to let the water run through the hose for a short time to flush it out. RVers sometimes fill their tanks with "home" water to avoid strange water that may be distasteful to them on short outings. Remember, the more water you carry in the fresh water tank, the less cargo carrying capacity you have for other items. The amount of water in the tank may be checked on the Monitor Panel.

### City Water Hookup



The city water hook-up is located on the side of the trailer. For consistent water flow and plumbing line safety, an in-line regulator limits pressure to 50 PSI.

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

After hooking up the hose and turning on the city water, slowly open a faucet. The faucets will sputter until all the air is expelled from the system. If the water heater is empty, it will take some time before all the air is expelled and a steady flow of water occurs at the faucet. Once a steady flow is achieved at one faucet the others should be opened long enough to expel the rest of the air.

### NOTICE

To avoid filling the fresh water tank, verify that the shower's diverter valve is in the OFF position (handle up) before connecting to city water; see [Fresh Water Reclamation System on page 5-4](#).

### Exterior Shower/Sprayer Port



Your Airstream is equipped with a shower sprayer port on the roadside exterior. Push the provided sprayer hose's fitting into the port until the quick-connect engages. To disconnect, press on the quick-connect collar to release the hose.

### NOTE

When not in use, ensure the valves are in the off position. Leaving them in the on position may cause cold water to mix with hot, resulting in warm water at interior valves.



## Shoreline Power Inlet and Cordset



### SmartPlug Inlet

Your Airstream is equipped with a SmartPlug power inlet located on the roadside exterior. Prior to establishing a connection, review the SmartPlug Cordset instructions that follow.

Features of the SmartPlug include:

- Eliminates Overheating - Increased pin & clip surface area improves conductivity during high demand.
- Ease of Use - The unique plug body shape and push-in design ensure a proper connection.
- Multi-Point Locking System - Side clips lock the plug securely into the inlet, eliminating stress on the pins.
- Weatherproof Seals - Multi-fin silicone gaskets installed in the inlet cover and interior of the plug body eliminate moisture penetration.

### SmartPlug Cordset

Before connecting power to your Airstream, plug the cordset (power cord) into the power pedestal and check the cordset's safe/unsafe LED indicator lights. If the red LED illuminates, do not plug the cordset into the SmartPlug inlet on your Airstream.

The cordset has a Reverse Polarity Indicator System with two LED indicator lights, one blue and one red. Reverse polarity occurs when connecting a cordset to a power pedestal that has the positive and negative leads reversed internally. A reverse polarity condition is unsafe, and it can damage an Airstream's electrical components.

Safe/Unsafe LED Signals:

- Blue ON, Red OFF - Normal Power, Safe
- Blue ON, Red ON - L1 and neutral are swapped in a reverse polarity condition, Unsafe
- Blue OFF, Red ON - L1 and ground are swapped in a dangerous reverse polarity condition, Unsafe
- Blue OFF, Red OFF - No Power

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

## ⚠ WARNING

**A reverse polarity condition is detected if the cordset's LED illuminates RED when connected to a power source. If this occurs, do not plug the cord into your Airstream. Reverse polarity is an UNSAFE condition that could result in bodily harm. It can also damage electrical components. This condition exists when the power pedestal is improperly wired.**

### 120-Volt Outlet

An outlet for a 120 volt receptacle is located on the curbside of the travel trailer and is labeled for your convenience. The cooktop can be removed from the galley and plugged into this outlet to cook outside.

### SmartPlug Ethernet Port



You can establish an internet or satellite connection by attaching a service provider's ethernet cable to the external roadside SmartPlug Ethernet Port ([see Ethernet Port on page 5-18](#)).

### Hitch/Coupler

Unlatched



Latched



The EZ-Latch coupler features a simple-to-use latching mechanism. Hooking up is as easy as dropping the coupler on to your hitch ball. Simply make sure that the coupler is properly lined up with the ball, then lower the coupler. The coupler will automatically open and latch into place when lowered onto the hitch ball. To disengage coupler, pull up on latch and raise coupler off of hitch ball. Return the coupler latch to the latched position to ensure that coupler is ready to be latched again.

The coupler features a strong composite handle. If the handle does get damaged or becomes missing, the coupler is still completely operational until the handle can be replaced. Replacement parts can be purchased through your Airstream Dealer. See additional information included in your owner's packet.

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**Always ensure the coupler is properly attached and latched and safety chains are properly attached before towing.**

### Power Jack

The power jack is operated using the up/down switch on the power head. When the jack is fully extended or retracted, the internal clutch will activate.

- 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.

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**Avoid the risk of injury to yourself and others. Keep hands and feet from under the foot plate when using the jack. Do not use or install dolly wheels on the power jack. Do not operate the toggle switch with the manual crank handle in place. Failure to comply could result in serious injury.**

#### **NOTE**

**When operating the power jack, pause briefly between switching up and down. Rapidly switching from up or down may cause the breaker to trip, momentarily interrupting power to the jack.**

#### **Power Jack Blade-Style Circuit Breaker**



The jack is wired to the power center 12V distribution panel/fuse panel and is protected by an automatically resetting blade-style circuit breaker (example above). Should the breaker trip, allow time for it to reset and try operating the jack again. If the breaker does not reset or trips again, the jack may need to be serviced, or the breaker may need to be replaced. Refer to an authorized dealer for service. For maintenance information, [see Power Jack Maintenance on page 8-9](#).

#### **Manual Operation**

Should an electrical failure occur, the jack can be operated manually by unscrewing the bubble level/cap and placing the manual override handle into the alignment tube to engage the drive pin. Rotate the handle counterclockwise to raise or clockwise to lower the trailer.

## Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)

### Fill Valve



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

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

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

Bypass flow is extremely important in the proper operation of this connection. The flow-limiting device may activate if the cylinder valve is opened quickly. When all appliances are off, the bypass flow allows the pressure downstream from the flow-limiting device to equalize. When pressure is equalized, the flow-limiting device will supply normal flow to the system. Equalization occurs in approximately 5 seconds and, in most cases, goes completely unnoticed. If, however, an appliance is left on or there is a leak or open flow in the system, the bypass pressure will not be able to equalize and allow the flow-limiting device to reopen. Symptoms of this condition would be appliances that light but have lower than normal flame or starve 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 LPG cylinder valve.
2. Extinguish all flames and smoking materials.
3. Be sure all gas appliances, including their pilot lights, are off.
4. Open LPG cylinder valve slowly. Do not snap open.
5. Wait at least 15 seconds before lighting appliances.
6. If operational difficulties continue, there may be a leak in the system. Immediately close the LPG cylinder valve and have the system inspected by a qualified RV service technician..

### **⚠ DANGER**

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

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, you will naturally use more gas than you will in warm weather. On the average, with normal appliance use, you can probably count on two to three weeks of service from each tank.

### LP Gas Regulator

#### **⚠ DANGER**

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

### LPG Tanks

The following procedure outlines the proper method of removing and installing an LPG tank cylinder:

#### LPG Tank Removal:

1. Open the roadside shroud door.
2. Shut off the gas valve on the tank to be removed.
3. Rotate the green plastic fitting by hand (standard right-hand thread) and disconnect the regulator gasline from the tank. No tools should be used.
4. Remove the tank hold-downs (j-hooks) by unthreading the nylon locking wingnuts from the bottom so the tank can be lifted out.

#### LPG Tank Installation:

1. Place the tank in position so that the LP cylinder's foot ring sits inside the LP bottle ring of the trailer's A-frame.
2. Replace the J-hook tank hold-downs and tighten the wingnuts until the tank is held firmly in place.
3. Test the fittings with liquid soap (free of ammonia or chlorine), or use a product designed for testing, such as Snoop® liquid leak detector.

Once a tank is installed, open the cylinder valve completely, then close it slightly, about 1/4 turn. With the valve just slightly closed (loosened) in this manner, it is easy to physically check to see if the valve is opened or closed.

If you have allowed the LP tank to run out while in use, air may have gotten into the lines. The furnace may need to cycle a few times to ignite as the air must be purged from the lines.

#### **⚠ WARNING**

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

#### **⚠ WARNING**

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

#### **⚠ WARNING**

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

#### **⚠ WARNING**

Putting a lock on LP tank covers is not recommended because it may limit access to the valve and prevent the ability to shut off LP gas flow in an emergency.

### Exterior LPG Port

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

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

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

## Basic Rules For LPG Safety

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

### **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.**

### **DANGER**

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

### **DANGER**

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

### **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.**

### **DANGER**

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

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

### **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.

## NOTES

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## Tow Vehicle

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

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

### **NOTICE**

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

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

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

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

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

## Brakes

All trailers are equipped with Dexter Nev-R-Adjust brakes. Please follow all maintenance procedures in the Dexter user's manual provided in the owner's packet. For important inspection and maintenance requirements of the components discussed in this section, [see Axle and Brakes on page 8-8](#).

### Electronic Brake Controller

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

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

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

### Proper Electric Brake Use

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

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

## Breakaway Switch

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

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

### **WARNING**

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

## Loading

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

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

Know what your trailer weighs loaded. Load your trailer including water, propane, etc and take it to a public scale. Weigh each axle of your vehicle. Refer to your axle weight and tire limits to see if you are within a safe range; [see Specifications on page 4-3](#). Total all axle weights, ensuring you are below the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR).

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

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)

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

As cargo is added, removed, or shifts in location, the weight on the axle(s) and hitch will change. Also, the hitch and axle weights will change as a consequence of the weight of the LP tank(s) diminishing from use of propane, and/or the transfer of weight as a consequence of water in the fresh water tank being used and transferred to the holding tanks. In shorter units, rear bath models especially, when the LP tanks are empty and fresh water has been transferred to the holding tanks, the reduction in hitch weight may be significant. For this reason, we recommend that the holding tanks be emptied before traveling.

When loading the trailer, keep the following in mind:

- GVWR
- Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR)
- Tire Weight Rating
- Cargo

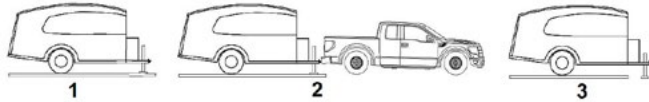
### **WARNING**

**Never exceed these critical weight limits/ratings. Your safety depends on not overloading the trailer, axles, and tires.**

# Towing

## Weighing Your Trailer

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



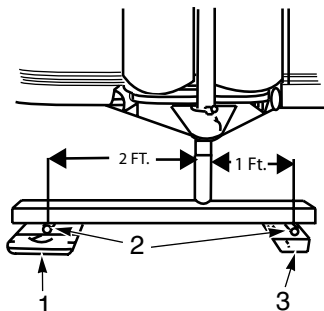
1. Trailer's total weight, cannot exceed GVWR.
2. Trailer's weight on axles cannot exceed GAWR.
3. Weight on trailer tongue.

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

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

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

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



1. Bathroom Scale
2. Pipe
3. Wood Support

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

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

### NOTE

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

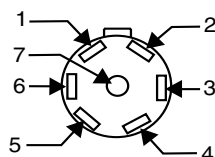
## Hitching Up

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

### ⚠ WARNING

**Always make sure coupler is properly attached and latched before towing, and that safety chains are properly attached. Safety chain use on the hitch is required in all states.**

## 7-Way Plug

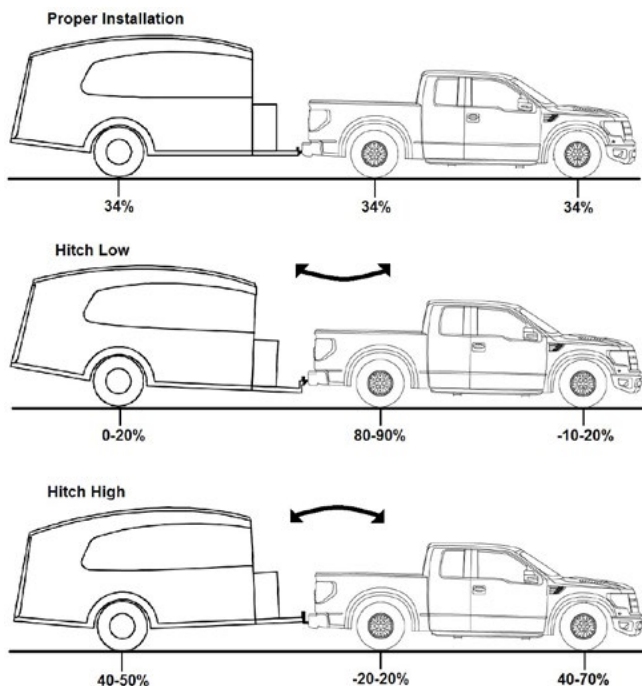


1. Black, 12-Volt (+)
2. Green, Clearance Lights/Taillights
3. Red, Left Turn/Stop
4. White, 12-Volt (-)
5. Blue, Brake
6. Brown, Right Turn/Stop
7. Blank

### NOTE

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

## Equalizing Hitch Load Distribution



When a trailer is properly hitched up to a tow vehicle with a load equalizing hitch, approximately 1/3 of the trailer's tongue weight will be on the trailer's axles and 2/3 will be transferred to the tow vehicle. One third of this weight transfer will be carried by the front wheels and 1/3 by the rear wheels of the tow vehicle

(See illustration). Thus, the tire load of each wheel on the tow vehicle will be increased by 1/6 of the trailer's tongue weight. The tire air pressure of the tow vehicle should be increased to compensate for this additional weight. Refer to the vehicle's owner's manual for this information.

### ⚠ WARNING

**The tongue weight should be approximately 10 to 15% of the trailer's total weight. Under no condition should it exceed the tow vehicles hitch rating. Please refer to the tow vehicles documentation for your vehicles hitch rating information.**

## Towing

### Safety

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

### ⚠ WARNING

**Never transport passengers inside a trailer. Towing a trailer with passengers inside is unsafe and could result in death or serious injury.**

### Securing the Doors

Before towing, secure the main door by locking both the door handle and deadbolt from the exterior using the keys, and lock the rear door deadbolt lock. For more information, [see Main Door on page 6-3](#) and [see Rear Door and Screen on page 6-3](#).

### ⚠ WARNING

#### BEFORE TOWING

**Lock the main door handle and deadbolt, and lock the rear door deadbolt from the exterior using the keys. Failure to fully lock the doors may result in a door vibrating open during travel.**

### Practice

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

## General Information

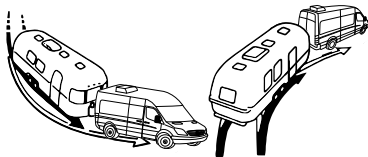
After thoroughly inspecting your hitch, brakes, and tires, you should be ready to tow. Check traffic, signal when you are about to pull away, and start slowly. Look often in your mirrors, and observe the action of the trailer, then carefully move into the proper lane of traffic. Remember that the trailer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

### ⚠ WARNING

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

## Tracking Observation

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



## Cooling System Overload

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

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

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

### ⚠ WARNING

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

## Downhill and Non-level Driving

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

### ⚠ WARNING

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

## Off-Road Towing

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

## When Being Passed

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

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



## Passing

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

## Backing Up

When backing up, the important thing to remember is to do everything slowly and to 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 tow vehicle will be following the trailer in an arc. Straighten the tow vehicle and trailer by turning the steering wheel more sharply, and then, when they are in line, straighten the steering wheel.

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

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

A little practice in a parking lot, with the person giving directions, can save a lot of frustration when backing into a campsite.

## Stopped On a Hill

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

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

## Controlling Sway or Fishtailing

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

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

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

- Equipment
- Tongue Weight
- Driving
- Corrective Measures

### **Equipment**

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

Braking is a very important factor in vehicle control; [see Brakes on page 7-2](#) and [see Electronic Brake Controller on page 7-2](#).

We recommend a friction sway damper or hitch with built-in sway control be provided for your trailer. Please consult your dealer regarding this equipment. For more information, [see Sway Control Device on page 7-8](#).

### **Tongue weight**

For information about tongue weight, [see Weighing Your Trailer on page 7-4](#) and [see Equalizing Hitch Load Distribution on page 7-5](#).

### **Driving**

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

## Corrective Measures

If sway occurs, the following techniques should be used:

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

### **⚠ WARNING**

**Do not jam on the brakes or attempt to press on the accelerator to speed your way out of the fishtailing. Both actions make the situation worse and could cause severe injury or death.**

## Sway Control Device

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

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



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## Maintenance Schedule

### ⚠ WARNING

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

### NOTICE

See appliance manufacturer's literature for further information.

#### Every 1,000 miles or 60 days

Windows	Check operation of latches and hinges.
Detectors	Test and replace battery as required.
Tires	Check tire pressure; <a href="#">see Specifications on page 4-3</a> .
Hitch	Check for loose bolts or unusual wear.
GFI Circuit Breaker	Test and record.

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

#### Every 5,000 miles or 90 days

Main Door Latch	Lubricate with dry graphite
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.
Wheel Lug Nuts	Torque to specifications, <a href="#">see Specifications on page 4-3</a> .
Breakaway Switch	Pull pin and lubricate with household oil; <a href="#">see Breakaway Switch on page 8-9</a> .
7-Way Plug	Spray with contact cleaner.

#### Every 5,000 miles or 90 days

Hitch Ball	Lubricate with hitch ball lube or wheel bearing grease.
Roof Vent Elevator Screws	Lubricate with light household oil.
Main Door Step	Lubricate and inspect moving parts.

#### Every 10,000 miles or 6 months

Tires	Inspect and rotate.
Spare Tire Carrier	Lubricate moving parts.
Window and Door Seals	Clean with mild detergent and apply 303 Aerospace Protectant.
Exterior	Wax.

#### Every 12,000 miles or every year

Brakes	Inspect or replace as necessary every year or 12,000 miles; <a href="#">see Brakes on page 8-8</a>
Wheel Bearings	Clean and repack every year or 12,000 miles; <a href="#">see Wheel Bearing Maintenance on page 8-8</a>
LPG Tanks	Have purged by LPG supplier every year.
Seams	Check and reseal exterior seams, windows, lights, and vents as needed.
Hitch Coupler and Ball	Ensure all parts operate freely. Replace any component if worn or damaged.
Interior Cabinetry	Visual inspection of latches and locks, hinges and slides. Silicone spray as needed.
Power Jack	Inspect and lubricate; <a href="#">see Power Jack on page 8-9</a>

# Airstream Service and Parts

Please contact an Airstream dealer service center to schedule maintenance and obtain replacement parts; see [Service Centers on page 3-5](#). Replacement parts for dealer service and repair and common items such as filters and hardware can be found in the parts book specific to your Airstream model.



Airstream parts books are posted on our website as soon as they're finalized, typically around the midpoint of model year production. Scan this QR code or visit [airstream.com](http://airstream.com) and navigate to the owner's section to locate the parts book for your model Airstream.



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## Tires

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

## Tire Changing

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

## Jack Location



## NOTE

Airstream does not supply a jack with the trailer.

## ⚠ WARNING

Do not exceed the maximum speed rating of the tires installed on your trailer. Failure to heed this warning could cause catastrophic tire failure resulting in property damage, personal injury, and/or death. Refer to the Tire Safety Information Addendum in your Owner's packet for more information.

## ⚠ WARNING

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

## ⚠ WARNING

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

## ⚠ WARNING

### WHEEL SEPARATION CAN OCCUR:

1. When removing/reinstalling wheels: torque lug nuts at the beginning of the first trip, and at 5, 25, and 50 miles.
2. Thereafter, check lug nuts before each trip.
3. Following winter storage, check lug nuts before beginning a trip
4. Following excessive braking, inspect and torque.

## ⚠ WARNING

Use a torque wrench to tighten lug nuts. Tightening by hand or with an impact wrench is not recommended. For lug nut torque values, see [Specifications on page 4-3](#).

## Tire Load and Inflation Information

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

### **Proper Tire Inflation**

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

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

### **Underinflated Tires**

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

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

Observe the following:

- It may be necessary to inflate your tires at a truck stop or truck service center in order to achieve adequate air pressure for your trailer's needs.
- Only permanent air seal metal valve caps should be used.
- Be safe - if a tire has been run in a 20% underinflated condition, it must be 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.

## **⚠ WARNING**

**Due to RISK OF EXPLOSION damaged tires or tires run with more than a 20% underinflation (approximate) must be dismantled, inspected by a qualified technician, and should not be inflated without using a safety cage.**

- Do not bleed air from warm tires to reduce pressure buildup.
- Do not inflate tires to cold PSI rating beyond rim specifications.

### **How Overloading Affects Your Tires**

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

### **Weighing Your Trailer Or Towed Vehicle**

Since a trailer or towed vehicle adds to the load on the tires, it is crucial to properly weigh towed vehicles; [see Loading on page 7-3](#) and [see Weighing Your Trailer on page 7-4](#).

### **Tire Care**

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

## Tire Care Tips

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

1. Check the pressure in your tires, including your spare, at least monthly when the tires are cool (after the vehicle has stopped three hours and then driven less than one mile). Do not reduce pressure when tires are hot. Use a tire gauge to check pressure and maintain it at the recommended level.
2. Never overload your tires. Heed the maximum load-carrying capability of your tires.
3. Check your tires frequently for scrapes, bulges, separations, cuts, or snags resulting from use. See your tire dealer immediately if any such condition is discovered.
4. Never operate your vehicle in excess of lawful speeds or the maximum speeds justified by driving conditions, or in excess of speeds recommended for the tires you are using.
5. Make every effort to avoid running over objects that may damage the tire through impact or cutting, such as chuck holes, glass, metal, etc.
6. Never drive on smooth tires. Tires should be removed when 2/32 in. of tread depth remains. In most states it is illegal to drive with less than 2/32 in. remaining tread depth.
7. Park out of the sun whenever possible when in warm climates. In desert regions, use tire covers to prevent ultra violet light deterioration to tires.

## Tire Inspection and Storage

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

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

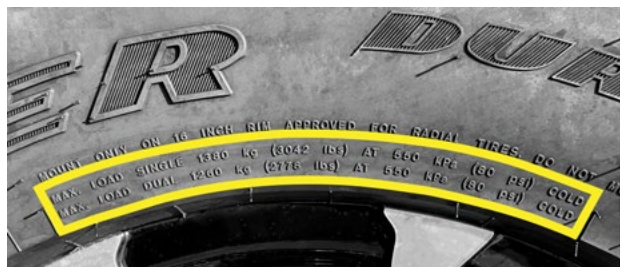
## Tire and Wheel Replacement

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

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

Most trailers are towed at or near maximum loads during hot weather and then left idle for months. In normal use, oils in the tire come to the surface during flexing and protect the rubber from ultraviolet light. But when the trailer tires sit idle too long, natural aging may cause the rubber to crack prematurely, especially in the sidewall area. Trailer tires over five years old should be inspected by a tire expert for cracking and replaced even if it has no apparent tread wear.

### Choosing a Tire



Every tire sold in the United States has a tire rating stamped on the sidewall that shows a tire's maximum load at a defined pressure. Use the example above to help locate the max load rating in pounds (lbs) and tire pressure in pounds per square inch (psi) on your original equipment tires. Choose a tire with equal load ratings. For tire size, inflation and load specifications, [see Specifications on page 4-3](#).

## Max Load Single vs. Max Load Dual

*Max Load Single* refers to the tire rating for applications with only one wheel on each end of a single axle. *Max Load Dual* refers to the tire rating for dually wheels, where there are two wheels on each end of an axle for a total of 4 wheels on a single axle.

Don't confuse the terms Single and Dual with Tandem. A tandem axle refers to trailers with two axles, one behind the other.

For Airstream Travel Trailers, refer to the Max Load Single rating.

### ⚠ WARNING

**Do not mismatch wheels and tires.**

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

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

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

Refer to the following table for wheel specifications.

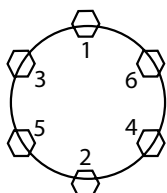
Wheel Specifications		
Size/Center Size In Inches	Lug Pattern	Model
16 x 6 / 5.5	6	Basecamp Xe
All wheels have an offset of 0		



## Lug Nut Torquing

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

Before each trip and any time a wheel is replaced, be sure to tighten the wheel nuts, following the lug-pattern sequence shown below. If the wheel was replaced, check the torque every 5, 25, and 50 miles.



### NOTE

**A 3/4" Thin Wall Socket will be needed to tighten or remove the Basecamp Xe's lug nuts.**

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

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

### ⚠ WARNING

**Use a torque wrench to tighten lug nuts. Tightening by hand or with an impact wrench is not recommended. For lug nut torque values, see [Specifications on page 4-3](#).**

## Spare Tire Carrier

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

### ⚠ WARNING

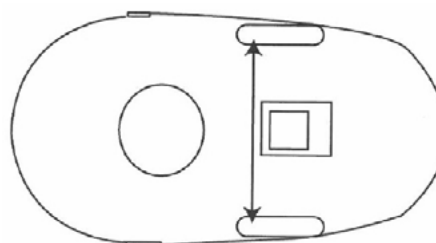
**The spare tire is intended for emergency use only and is not to be used as a long term replacement. Airstream recommends driving on the spare tire at a maximum of 50 MPH for up to 50 miles.**

### NOTICE


**The unit is designed for hand operation only, DO NOT use impact type tools to drive the device.**

## Tire Rotation

(10,000-mile intervals)



## Axle and Brakes

 The following sections provide an overview of the inspection and maintenance requirements of the axle and brake components, as well as requirements for the breakaway switch. Consult the Dexter Operation Maintenance and Service Manual for detailed axle and brake information, and required maintenance intervals. It can be found by scanning the QR code above or visiting <https://www.dexteraxle.com/>.

### **⚠ WARNING**

**Read and follow all warnings and cautions and adhere to all required maintenance intervals found in the axle and brake component manufacturer's manual. Failure to properly maintain these components could lead to an accident, resulting in serious injury or death.**

## Axles and Bearings

Each rubber torsion axle is aligned during manufacturing and periodically double-checked. Alignment after delivery is the customer's responsibility.

Hitting potholes or rough railroad tracks while traveling straight will usually only cause misalignment after the tire has struck such objects several times. A deep enough hole can affect the alignment immediately. Curbs are a common cause of misalignment as they are often hit at an angle. Axles are occasionally damaged when parking beside a curb while backing the trailer.

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

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

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

## Rubber Torsion Axle Alignment Specifications

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

## Wheel Bearing Maintenance

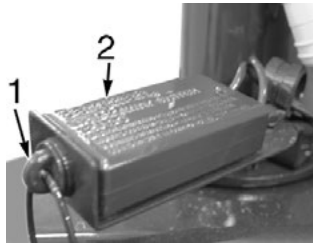
With normal use, servicing at 12-month or 12,000-mile intervals is usually adequate (whichever occurs first). With increased usage, this work should be done more frequently as required. When packing bearings by hand, place a glob of grease in the palm of one hand and push the large end of the bearing down into the grease. Keep turning the bearing around and forcing it down through the grease until the grease is extruded up through the opposite end. Wipe the extra grease in your hand around the outside of the bearing. It is not necessary to fill the hub and dust cap with grease.

1. Jack the trailer at the marked jack location pad behind the axle on the mainframe and remove the wheel.
2. Remove the grease cap, spindle nut retainer, spindle nut, washer, bearings, and hub.
3. Lay the hub down with the inside grease seal down. Knock out the inner bearing and grease seal using a wood or plastic dowel and hammer.
4. Clean all parts thoroughly with a suitable solvent or kerosene.
5. Inspect all bearings and races for chips or roughness of any kind. Any damaged component must be replaced.
6. Pack bearings with a good grease (No 2 grade-265 ASTM penetration or equivalent).
7. Install the inner bearing.
8. Install a new grease seal in the hub or rotor using a wooden or rawhide mallet.
9. Install the hub and drum on the spindle.
10. Install the outer bearing, washer and spindle nut.
11. 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 the retainer. There should now be from .001" to .010" end play in the hub. If not, back off one notch.
12. Check the lug nuts at 5, 25 miles and recheck at 50 miles of travel. For torque specifications, [see Specifications on page 4-3](#).

## Brakes

Brakes must be inspected and serviced immediately if performance loss is indicated. With normal use, servicing at 12-month or 12,000-mile intervals is usually adequate (whichever occurs first). With increased usage, this work should be done more frequently as required.

## Breakaway Switch



1. Pin
2. Breakaway Switch

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

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

## Power Jack



The power jack manufacturer's owner's instructions and parts list can be found by scanning this QR code and navigating to the instructions on Barker's website at <https://www.barkermfg.com/>. The following are basic maintenance requirements. Please refer to Barker's instructions for jack and bubble level adjustments, installation, and additional maintenance.

### Power Jack Maintenance

- Once a year, the powerhead should be removed, and a liberal amount of grease (preferably grease with a 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 all four screws and tap around the edge of the housing to free the cover. Do not use or insert a screwdriver blade to remove the cover, as it may damage mating surfaces. If lubrication is needed, use Mobilith SHC™ 460 grease or equivalent. Clean the mating surfaces before replacing the cover.

### **⚠ WARNING**

**Avoid the risk of injury to yourself and others. Keep hands and feet from under the foot plate when using the jack. Do not use or install dolly wheels on the power jack. Do not operate the toggle switch with the manual crank handle in place. Failure to comply could result in serious injury.**

### **NOTE**

**When operating the power jack, pause briefly between switching up and down. Rapidly switching from up or down may cause the breaker to trip, momentarily interrupting power to the jack.**

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## Water Pump

### *Water Pump Access*

The water pump is under the roadside bench seat and can be accessed by removing the seat cushions and folding out the hinged bed support boards to access a set of screws hidden under cover caps. Remove the screws to lift the larger hinged access board.

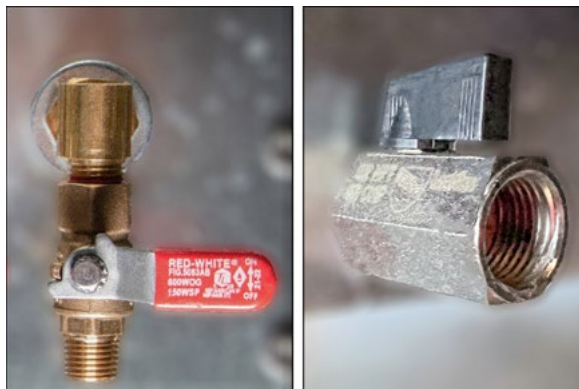
### *Strainer Cleaning*



Locate the strainer housing (on the water line leading to the water pump inlet). Remove the transparent bowl (turn counterclockwise), and carefully pull out the strainer/screen. Clean and rinse with water (use a household detergent if necessary). Reinstall the strainer and bowl, being careful not to damage the seal. The bowl collects sediment and should be positioned under the housing as depicted above. Check for leaks prior to resuming normal operation.

## Fresh Water Tank and Draining

### Drain Valve Locations



There is an insulated exterior tank pan that supports the fresh water holding tank under the trailer behind the battery pan and wheels. Here you will find the brass low-point drain valves (left photo) and the stainless steel fresh water tank drain valve (right photo).

To open valves, turn the handle to align it with the water line.

### Fresh Water Tank Draining

The freshwater tank drain valve on all units is located under the trailer on the freshwater tank pan. A stainless steel valve is located on the side of the pan for draining the water tank. All faucets should be opened before attempting to drain the tank by opening the valve.

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

### **NOTICE**

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

## Sanitizing

Airstream recommends sanitizing the fresh water system before and after storage, after installing new components, and whenever contamination is suspected. How often to sanitize—and what solution to use—depends on how frequently your Airstream is used, the taste and quality of the water, and the environments it has been exposed to, such as extreme heat, high humidity, or questionable water sources.

Use a sanitizer that effectively disinfects without damaging system components. While bleach is widely used for its ability to kill bacteria, viruses, fungi, and some protozoa, it can also corrode metal and degrade seals. In some configurations, susceptible components like the water heater cannot be bypassed, meaning the solution will circulate through the entire system. To avoid damage, Airstream generally recommends using an RV-specific fresh water system cleaner formulated to be safe for all fresh water system components. Follow the product's instructions for dilution and contact time.

If contamination is severe, bleach may be necessary. Refer to your water heater's manual for additional information. If bleach is not recommended, bypass the water heater whenever possible, and flush the system thoroughly when finished. Use the standard sanitization formula: 0.13 ounces of household bleach per gallon of water, or 1 milliliter per liter. This produces a 50 ppm free chlorine solution, consistent with RVIA ANSI A119.2 and widely accepted potable water disinfection practices.

Refer to the sanitization procedure that follows to introduce the solution into the system:

1. Determine the amount of solution you need for your fresh water tank's capacity; [see Specifications on page 4-3](#).
2. Pour a one gallon concentrate into the fresh water tank. Immediately fill the tank using a city water connection to dilute the concentrate to the proper sanitization ratio.
3. Open all faucets (hot and cold) allowing the water to run until the distinct odor of chlorine is detected.
4. Leave the solution in for the product's recommended contact time (4 hours for bleach). Drain the tank, refill from the city water connection, and drain again. Repeat until the solution is flushed out..

## Drain and Waste System

Depending on the model, your Airstream's drain and waste system will include one or two holding tanks made from corrosion-free molded plastic. All tanks are emptied through a dump valve equipped with "T" handles, allowing you to individually open and drain each tank through a shared outlet and attached sewer hose.

Check your monitor panel frequently. The toilet bowl cannot be emptied when the waste water holding tank is full. If the gray water holding tank is overfilled, drain water will back up into the shower floor pan, resulting in unsanitary conditions.

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

Never drain the tanks at any place other than an approved dumping station. Almost all campgrounds will have a dump station. Online resources and park directories like Woodalls and Rand McNally usually list dumping stations.

### ⚠ CAUTION

**Failure to monitor holding tank levels could result in unsanitary wastewater overflow.**

### NOTICE

**Never flush hard or solid objects, sanitary napkins, facial tissue, or paper towels down the toilet and into the holding tank. They can get caught in the dump valve mechanism. Colored toilet tissue is slower to dissolve than white. Most motorhome accessory stores offer tissue designed for RVs that will dissolve.**

## Extended Stays

When connected to a sewer outlet in a park, keep the waste holding tank dump valve closed and empty the tank every few days or when it becomes almost full. Draining a large volume of waste ensures toilet paper and other solids are washed entirely away. This practice will avoid the accumulation of solids in the main holding tank.

Should solids accumulate, close the dump valve, fill the tank about half full with water, and then tow the trailer for a few miles. The turbulence of the water will usually dissolve the solids into suspension so the tank can be drained.

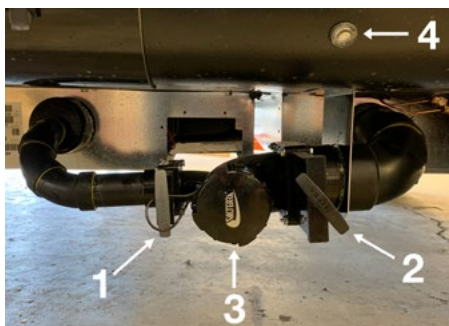


# Maintenance

## Emptying the Holding Tanks

All sink and shower drains empty into the gray water holding tank. Wastewater from the toilet empties into the waste water holding tank.

The waste water tank should be dumped first, then the gray tank. This process will help rinse the sewer line with gray tank water.



1. Gray Water Tank Valve
2. Waste Water Tank Valve
3. Drain Cap (Drain Hose Hookup)
4. Auxiliary Light

To empty the holding tanks, attach the sewer hose by pressing the bayonet fitting onto the dump valve outlet; rotate clockwise until secure. Attach the outlet end of the hose to the disposal site; position the hose on a slope to ensure it drains completely.

Attach a water hose to the waste tank flush inlet on the side of the trailer (do not use the fresh water tank hose for this purpose).

Pull the waste tank dump valve handle outward to the stop and wait for the tank to fully drain. Close the dump valve and flush the waste tank; [see Waste Tank Flush on page 8-12](#).

Pull the gray tank dump valve handle outward to the stop and wait for the tank to fully drain. Close the dump valve and replace the bayonet ring cap before traveling.

The waste water holding tank must be flushed out until all paper and waste material are removed. Should solids accumulate, close the dump valve, fill the tank about half full with water, and then tow the trailer for a few miles. The turbulence of the water will usually dissolve the solids into suspension so the tank can be drained.

## Waste Tank Flush



Your Airstream has a garden hose-style connection to flush the waste water holding tank. Airstream advises flushing the waste tank each time it is emptied to prevent clogging of the water jets and accumulating waste solids inside the tank. Start by emptying the waste tank at an approved dump station and close the dump valve. To flush the tank:

1. Attach a water hose to the flush inlet (do not use the fresh water tank hose for this purpose).
2. Turn the water on and monitor the waste tank level. A spray head with multiple holes will spray the tank's interior surface. Fill the tank about half full and turn the water off.
3. Empty the waste holding tank; [see Emptying the Holding Tanks on page 8-12](#)
4. Close the waste holding tank valve and repeat this process until the water runs clear.

### NOTICE

**Use the waste tank flush regularly to keep the holes on the spray head from becoming clogged.**

## Drain System Cleaning

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

### NOTICE

**Do not use a pipe snake on clogged drains; it could damage internal drain system components.**

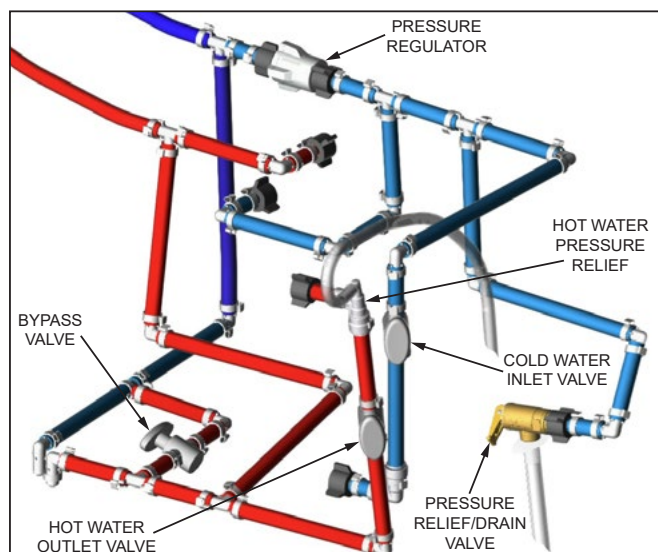


## Winterizing and Storage

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

When storing your trailer for short or long periods, use the same precautions as you would in your home regarding 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, using the following instructions.

### Component Locations for Winterization



*The above components can be accessed under the curbside bench seat at the combination furnace/water heater. Component locations may vary slightly from depiction.*

**Exterior low point drain valves:** for exterior low point drains, [see Drain Valve Locations on page 8-10](#).

**Water pump:** inside the roadside bench seat.

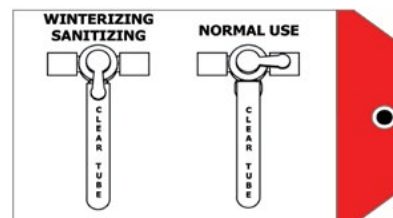
**Winterization valve:** inside the roadside bench seat near the water pump.

### Winterization Procedure

Below are the basic steps to completing the winterization process. It can be time-consuming and challenging to drain all of the water from the system. These tasks require an average mechanical skill level. If you are unsure of your ability to remove all the water from the system successfully, please seek assistance.

The goal is to get all the water out of the system to prevent freeze damage. We recommend allowing the system to drain for several days. You will need an adapter with an air regulator to connect an air compressor to the city water inlet and access to an air compressor.

1. Level the trailer from side to side and front to rear.
2. Open all faucets.
3. Open all drain valves, including the pressure relief/drain valve near the combination furnace/water heater; [see Component Locations for Winterization on page 8-13](#), and [see Water Heater Winterizing on page 8-15](#).
4. Turn the water pump switch to the ON position to expel water from the storage tank.
5. While the water is draining from the system, open and flush the toilet-flushing valve. Operate the shower head while holding it down inside the shower and drain all water from the flexible hose. You may need to move the shower diverter valve to the SHOWER position (handle right) to facilitate draining the shower lines.
6. Turn the pump switch OFF after removing all water from the storage tank.
7. Disconnect the outlet hose from the water pump.



8. Your trailer has a winterization kit installed near the water pump. Turn the winterization kit valve to the winterizing position (shown above) and remove the plug. Turn the pump on, expelling the remaining water. This water, about 1/2 cup, can be caught in a towel or rag.
9. Reconnect the water pump outlet.
10. Lower the front of the trailer as far as the jack will allow and let the trailer sit until water ceases to drain (no droplets are forming), then crank the jack up as high as it will go until water ceases to drain.
11. Close the water heater inlet and outlet valves and open the water heater bypass valve; [see Component Locations for Winterization on page 8-13](#).

## Maintenance

12. Open the toilet flush valve and toilet shut-off valve. Make sure all drain valves and faucets are open.
13. Using the adapter mentioned at the beginning, apply, at max, 50 lbs. of air pressure to the city water inlet until only air is coming out of the faucets. You may need to open and close faucets one at a time and repeat this step several times to force out trapped water.

### NOTICE

**The furnace/water heater manufacturer does not recommend blowing air through the water heater or adding antifreeze to the water heater. Air pressure and antifreeze will cause damage to internal components. Refer to the manufacturer's user manual for additional winterization instructions.**

14. Pour a cup of non-toxic RV antifreeze that has been approved and listed by a recognized testing authority such as Underwriter Lab into the galley and shower drain to prevent trap freeze-up.

### NOTICE

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

15. 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).
16. Leave the water heater drain valve open. It should remain open until the system is ready to be used again. Leave a note on the control panel that the drain valve is open and the bypass valve needs to be closed before use.
17. Leave the faucets open.

Optional; An additional step to winterization is to consider adding a non-toxic RV antifreeze (approved for drinking water systems) to the water lines using the pre-installed Winterization Kit.

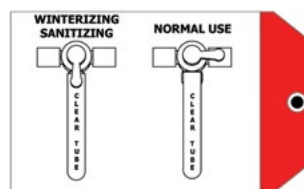
Before beginning, read the RV antifreeze manufacturer's label for instructions specific to the antifreeze you plan to use. It may take a few gallons to fill the entire system so prepare accordingly. It will be helpful to have another person watching and operating the faucets and shower heads as you follow these steps.

The winterization kit is near the water pump; [see Water Pump Access on page 8-10](#).

1. Open the sink and shower drains if they are closed.
2. Open all the faucets, including the shower head faucet handle.
3. Ensure the water heater inlet and outlet valves are CLOSED and the water heater bypass valve is OPEN; [see Component Locations for Winterization on page 8-13](#).
4. Close all other drain valves. Leave the water heater drain valve open. It should remain open until the system is ready to be used again. Leave a note on the control panel that the drain valve is open and the bypass valve needs to be closed before use; [see Water Heater Winterizing on page 8-15](#).

### NOTICE

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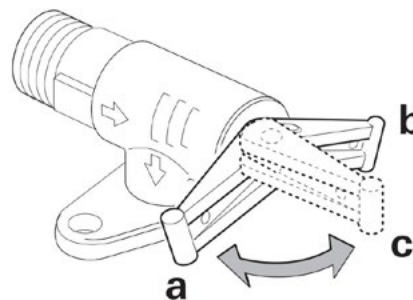
5. Go to the winterization kit and turn the valve handle to the winterizing position as indicated on the tag attached to the kit (shown above).
6. Uncoil the hose attached to the kit, remove the hose cap, and insert the hose down to the bottom of the RV antifreeze container.

7. Turn the pump switch on and run it until antifreeze starts coming out of the faucets. Once antifreeze runs from one tap, turn it off and continue to the next one. Move from one fixture to the next, shutting them off as you go until all the lines are full. As you empty each antifreeze container, turn the pump off, transition to a full container, and turn the pump back on to continue.
8. Allow the antifreeze to flow down drains. Flush the toilet and allow antifreeze to flow down the toilet. If equipped, operate the toilet hand sprayer until antifreeze is coming out. Work the hand shower sprayer while holding it down in the tub until antifreeze is coming out, and if equipped, do the same with the external shower head. Any remaining antifreeze can be dumped down a drain.
9. Shut the pump OFF once all the lines are full.
10. Open all the faucets and leave them open.
11. Turn the winterization kit valve back to the normal use position, place the cap back on the hose, and coil it back up for storage.

## NOTICE

Remove all RV antifreeze spillage from all drain and faucet parts after winterizing. Failure to do so could damage the plumbing fixture's finish. Do not use water to rinse antifreeze down the drain as it will dilute the antifreeze.

## Water Heater Winterizing



The furnace/water heater has a relief valve/drain located near the water heater; [see Component Locations for Winterization on page 8-13](#). To drain the water heater, move the lever on the end of the valve to position **(c)** as depicted above. Water will drain via the drainage socket. To close the valve for normal operation, move the lever to **(a or b)**. For more information.

## ⚠ WARNING

Use caution when operating the drainage socket to avoid potential scalding injury from hot water.

## NOTICE

When traveling to a location where freezing conditions are likely, or when storing the trailer, be sure to drain all water from the water system and water heater.

## Battery Maintenance and Storage

**Outdoor Storage** - Turn the battery disconnect switch off. Provided the solar panels are not blocked, the solar system will provide the charge needed to maintain the battery during winter or longer periods of storage.

**Indoor Storage** - If your travel trailer is stored inside a building with no solar input for the winter, fully charge the battery before storage and turn off the battery disconnect switch. If the trailer is stored indoors for much longer periods of time without charging, the battery bank will eventually naturally deplete to a zero state-of-charge, causing the batteries to enter a low-voltage disconnect. To regain state-of-charge, the system must be fully charged; [see Low-Voltage Disconnect on page 5-13](#).

### NOTE

**A battery will self-discharge 2-3% per month at 80 degrees. Depending on environmental conditions, this discharge rate may increase.**

## Restoring Service After Winter

1. Close the dump valve, all water faucets, and all drain valves.
2. Add water to the fresh water tank.
3. Turn on the water pump.
4. Open and close the faucets one at a time until the water runs clear at all faucets signaling RV non-toxic antifreeze is flushed out of lines. Go back and recheck water clarity at all faucets.
5. Repeat step 4.
6. Turn off the water pump.
7. Hook up to a city water supply, open the faucets again, and recheck water clarity.
8. Close the water heater drain valve. Open the water heater inlet and outlet valves and close the water heater bypass valve; [see Component Locations for Winterization on page 8-13](#).

## Exterior Doors

### Lubrication

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

## Adjustment

Door adjustments can be affected by:

- The trailer being improperly leveled (causing twisting of trailer body/shell).\*
- Striker bolt alignment being out of adjustment, (striker bolt is adjustable).
- Door has come open at some point introducing a change to the contour of the door frame (check for sheared rivets on interior skin of door).

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

## Windows

### Sticking Windows

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

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

### ⚠ WARNING

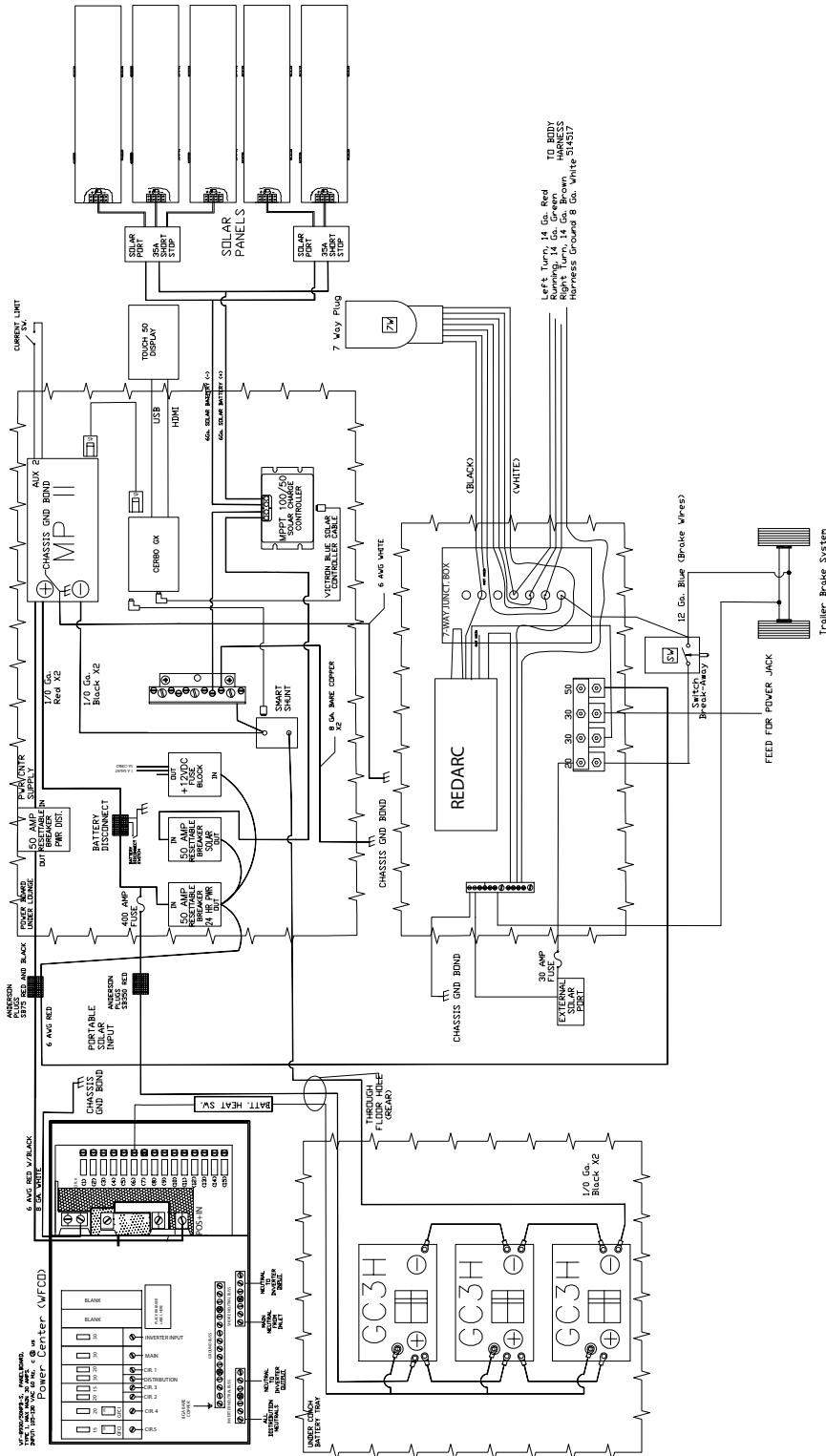
**Prying up or applying pressure to the window may cause the window to shatter, resulting in personal injury or unit damage.**

4. Once the window is released, wash the gasket with a mild soap and water solution, and dry.
5. Apply 303 Aerospace Protectant to the window gasket. To apply, spray/pour 303 onto a soft rag or sponge and apply a generous coating directly to the gasket. Remove any residue that comes in contact with the exterior aluminum skin; 303 is available through <https://www.airstreamsupplycompany.com>; also [see Airstream Service and Parts on page 8-3](#).

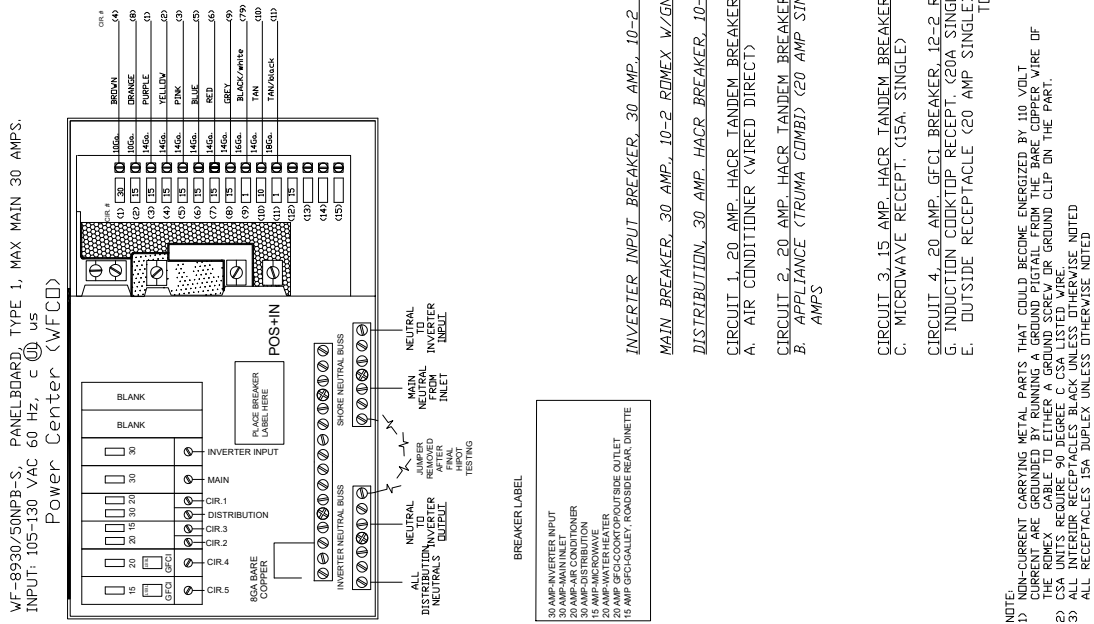
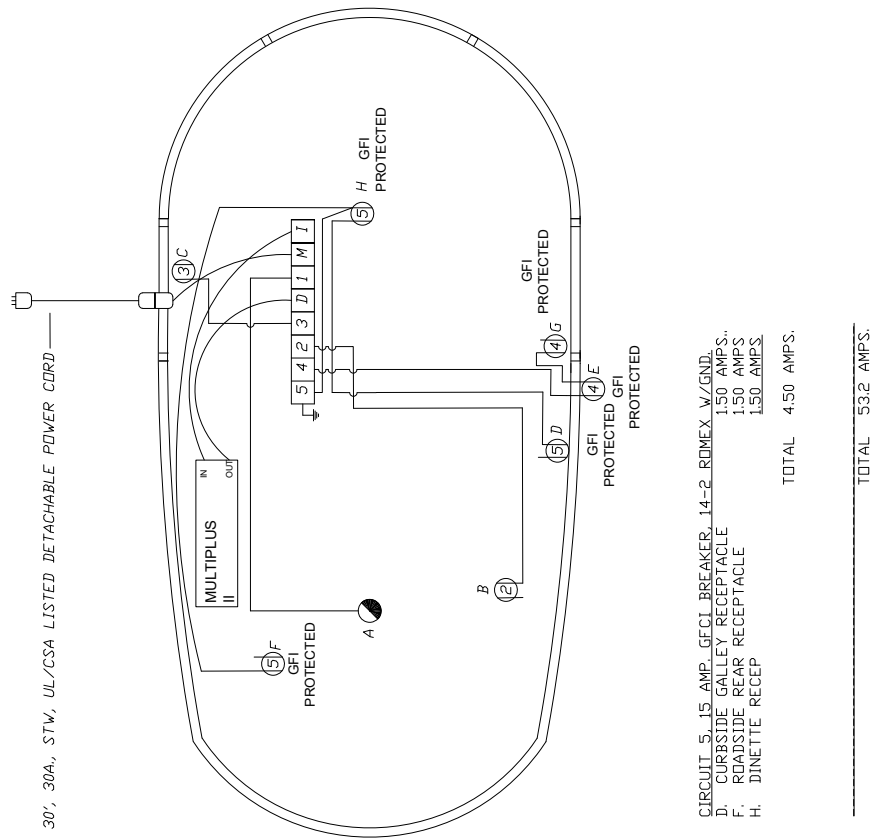
# Electrical Diagrams

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

## 12-Volt Diagram

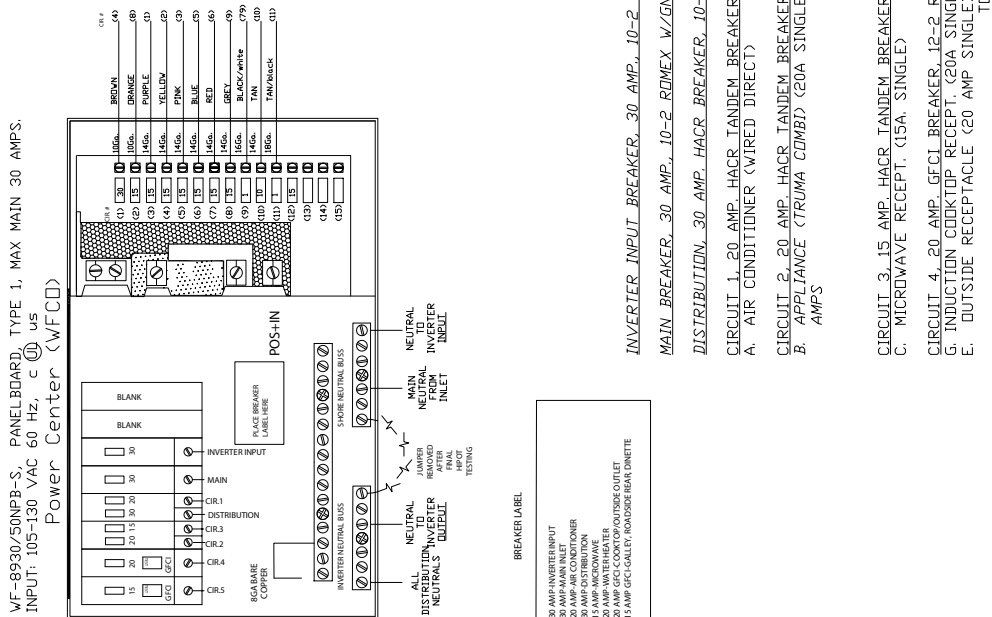
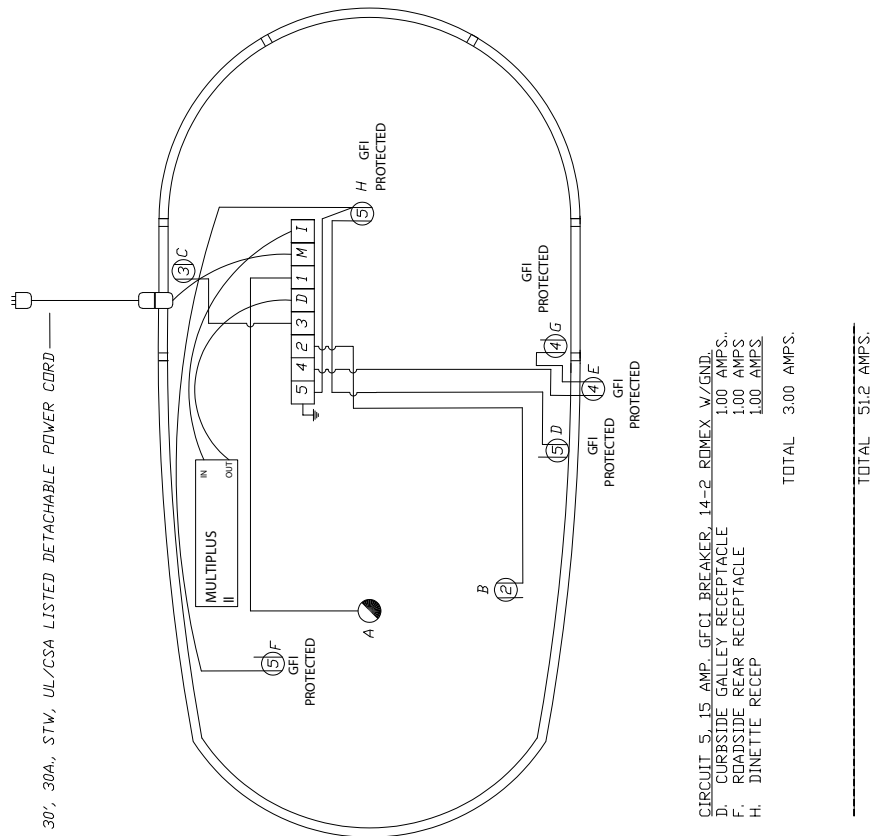


120-Volt/30- Amp Diagram - USA





## 120-Volt/30- Amp Diagram - Canada



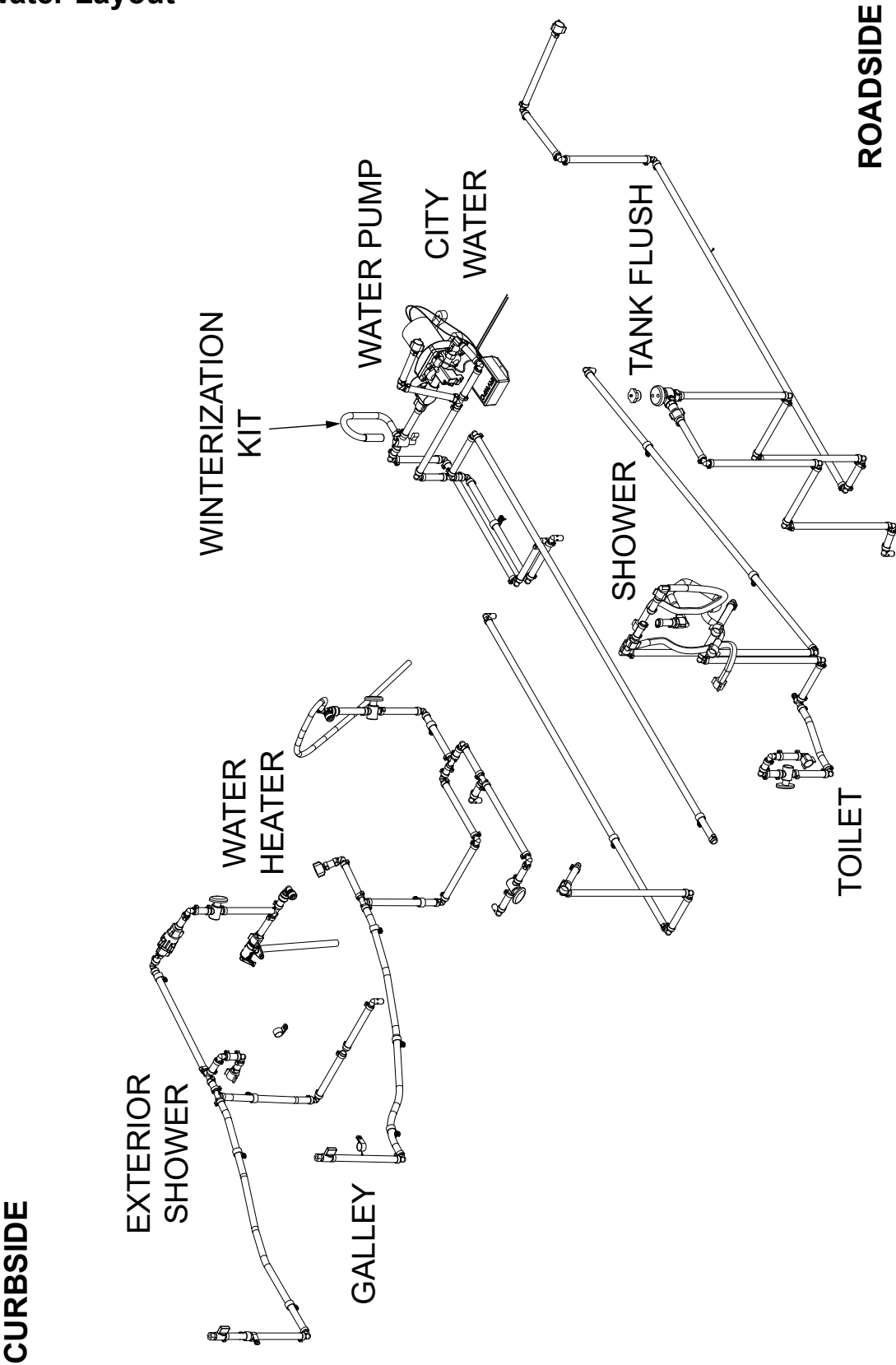
NOTE: NON-CURRENT CARRYING METAL PARTS THAT COULD BECOME ENERGIZED BY 110 VOLT CURRENT ARE GROUNDED BY RUNNING A GROUND PIGTAIL FROM THE BARE COPPER WIRE OF THE ROMEX® CABLE TO EITHER A GROUND SCREW OR GROUND CLIP ON THE PART.

(1) CSA UNITS REQUIRE 90 DEGREE C CSA LISTED WIRE.

(2) ALL INTERIOR RECEPTACLES BLACK UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

(3) ALL RECEPTACLES 15A DUPLEX UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Fresh Water Layout



## FAQs and Answers

### Electrical

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

Answer: A 1000 watt generator may be used to charge just the batteries. However, if wanting to run appliances such as microwave or AC units, it is recommended to have at least 4,000 watts or more\* (30-Amp system).

\* Many Airstreamer's accomplish this using two portable generators run in parallel.

#### 2. *What can I plug into the inverter outlets in my Airstream?*

Answer: The MultiPlus-II's integrated inverter is rated for 3000W continuous with 5500W peak power. Running on inverter power at peak loads for long periods will trip Over Temp/Overload shutdown. Should this occur, try reducing the load on the inverter; [see Victron MultiPlus-II Inverter/Charger/Converter on page 5-15](#).

#### 3. *How much of a charge will the batteries get from the solar system?*

Answer: The solar system is designed to assist with normal means of charging, to help slow battery discharge, and to maintain battery charge when the trailer is sitting in the sun. To optimize solar charging, ensure the panels are clean and not shaded by trees or structures that might block the sun; [see Solar System on page 5-11](#). Charging varies greatly depending on weather conditions and power usage. Incoming solar charge wattage is depicted as solar yield or PV (photovoltaic) charge on the Victron display.

#### 4. *What type of batteries are in my Airstream?*

Answer: For information about the batteries installed in your Airstream, [see Batteries on page 5-12](#).

#### *I've got an error message on the Victron touch display, what should I do?*

Answer: On the front of the MultiPlus-II, you will find a group of 8 LED indicator lights that display the current status and condition of the charger and inverter. All LED indications are mirrored on the GX Touch 50 main screen display (top center of screen). To fully understand the meaning behind each LED indication and how to resolve any issues, please consult the MultiPlus-II manual or individual product manuals by visiting <https://www.victronenergy.com/> and navigate to the product information page. Also, [see Power Management System on page 5-14](#).

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

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

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

Answer: The switch is used to cut power when the trailer is not being used or when it is put into storage. When the disconnect switch is off, the solar charging system will remain active and provide a charge to the batteries when the trailer is parked in the sunlight. The switch must be on to charge the batteries when connected to shoreline power; [see Battery Disconnect Switch on page 5-12](#).

#### 7. *What can I do if the power jack will not function?*

Answer: The jack may be raised and lowered using the hand crank provided. Check for 12V power and proper grounding at the jack. For more information, [see Power Jack on page 6-6](#) and [see Power Jack Maintenance on page 8-9](#).

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

Answer: The converter takes 120-volt AC shore power and turns it into 12-volt DC to keep batteries charged and power 12-volt items in your trailer; [see Victron MultiPlus-II Inverter/Charger/Converter on page 5-15](#).

## Plumbing

1. ***Is it recommended to leave the dump valves open when connected to a sewer hookup?***

Answer: No. This would cause a buildup inside the tank; [see Extended Stays on page 8-11](#).

2. ***How does the waste tank flush on my Basecamp Xe work?***

Answer: For information on how to use the tank flush, [see Waste Tank Flush on page 8-12](#).

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

Answer: No, your Airstream is equipped with a built in regulator rated for 50 PSI.

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

Answer: You can use the on board fresh water tank and 12-volt pump for your water supply when boon docking, or hook to an external water source via garden hose to exterior water inlet when parked at a campground; [see Gravity Water Fill on page 6-4](#) and [see City Water Hookup on page 6-4](#).

5. ***What is the difference between the gray water tank, waste water tank, and a combination tank?***

Answer: The gray water tank holds water from shower and sink drains. The waste water tank holds sewer water from the toilet. On a combination tank, all drains and the toilet empty into a single tank.

## Appliances

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

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

2. ***Why is the air conditioner's heat accessory providing only limited heat?***

Answer: The heat strip is intended to take the chill out of the indoor air when temperatures are slightly cooler than normal. The furnace is recommended for use in colder temperatures or if a higher interior temperature comfort level is desired.

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

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

## Maintenance

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

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

### 2. *Suggestions for cleaning the exterior of my Airstream.*

Airstream recommends washing the trailer using a mild auto detergent safe for clear coated surfaces. Airstream recommends washing based on operating conditions and waxing a minimum of twice a year. Walbernize Superseal is a product that was designed specifically for Airstream and provides good wax protection; [see Exterior Care on page 6-2](#).

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

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

### 4. *My exterior door is hard to open, is this normal?*

Answer: The exterior doors are designed differently than a flat surface door. The doors are over bent in order to apply more pressure at the top and bottom of the door for better sealing. Also, on uneven surfaces the trailer can be in a slight twist that could affect closing. Make sure the trailer is as level as possible. For more information, [see Exterior Doors on page 8-16](#).

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

Answer: The interior aluminum is the same as the exterior aluminum and has a clear coat finish and could be cleaned the same way. For an easy, no mess suggestion, we recommend using a product such as lemon Pledge® for a quick way to remove finger prints and smudges. Also, [see General Information and Cleaning on page 5-3](#).

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

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

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

Answer: Your windows have rubber seals around the edges which in extreme, heat and dusty conditions can become sticky. You can help prevent this by regularly cleaning window seals with soapy water and applying a silicone product or Aerospace Protectant 303 to the seals. For more information, [see Windows on page 6-2](#).

### 8. *My pedestal table leg is stuck and can't be removed?*

Answer: An O-ring is placed on the threaded end of the pedestal legs to prevent overtightening when installing. Make sure the O-ring is in place and in good condition before installing the legs. It is recommended the legs only be turned until one click is heard. Overtightening the legs can damage the socket and make removal difficult. A household jar opener on the post may provide added grip and leverage.

## NOTES

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