

August 4, 2006

VIA FACSIMILE AND  
CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL,  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
Mr. George Person  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20590

06V-325  
(3 pages)

Re: Airstream, Inc.  
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Person:

Enclosed please find the Defect and Non-Compliance Report that I am submitting for the Thor Industries wholly owned subsidiary, Airstream, Inc. in connection with a recall campaign involving two Airstream motor homes that contain an incorrect steering intermediate shaft on their Workhorse Chassis. Workhorse has already instituted a safety recall campaign in connection with this matter. The recall number assigned by NHTSA for Workhorse's safety recall is 06V-148.

If you have any questions regarding the attached documentation, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick  
Standards Compliance Manager  
Thor Industries, Inc.

Enclosures

cc. T. Coleman via e-mail

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National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration  
Office of Defects Investigation  
400 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Sir,

**Description of Problem**

Airstream Inc. has been notified by Workhorse Custom Chassis ("Workhorse") that certain 2005 and 2006 Workhorse W series motorhome chassis sold to Airstream Inc. may have a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety involving the installation of an incorrect steering intermediate shaft. Workhorse has already instituted a safety recall campaign in connection with this matter. The recall number assigned by NHTSA for Workhorse's safety recall campaign is 06V-148.

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain motorhomes manufactured by Airstream Inc. were built on the Workhorse W series motorhome chassis that may contain the defective steering intermediate shaft.

As more specifically set forth below, Workhorse has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective chassis, including, but not limited to, providing the initial notification to all of Airstream Inc.'s owners that are subject to this recall campaign, remedying the defect, and filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

**Units Affected**

The defective chassis supplied by Workhorse have been used on certain 2006 model year commercial motorhomes, which were manufactured by Airstream Inc. during the period from July, 2005 through June, 2006. The total number of chassis received by Airstream Inc. that are subject to this recall campaign is 2.

**Description of Defect**

All of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign were built on Workhorse chassis that contain a steering shaft and gear connection. The potential defect involves the installation of an incorrect steering intermediate shaft on the chassis. Use of this incorrect shaft may cause the

spline not to match correctly with the corresponding steering gear input shaft. This condition may result in loss of steering control and increase the risk of a crash.

### **Basis for Determining that Defect Exists**

Airstream Inc. recently received notification from Workhorse that a potential defect exists with respect to the steering intermediate shaft used on certain Workhorse chassis. Subsequently, Airstream Inc. confirmed that certain of the chassis purchased from Workhorse contain the potential defect.

### **Remedying of Defect**

As set forth in the notification issued by Workhorse in connection with recall campaign 06V-148, owners are to inspect the steering intermediate shaft to determine if an incorrect shaft was installed. If an incorrect shaft has been installed, Workhorse dealers will replace the incorrect shaft with the correct one. The owners of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Workhorse in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Workhorse. Workhorse will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 06V-148. Workhorse has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.

### **Owner Notifications**

Workhorse will provide the notification letters to the owners of the motorhomes that are subject to this recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 06V-148.

### **Quarterly Reporting Requirements**

Workhorse will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 06V-148. Because the information included by Workhorse in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Airstream Inc.'s motorhomes subject to this recall campaign, Airstream Inc. will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication. However, Airstream Inc. will monitor the quarterly reports filed by Workhorse to insure that the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign are being remedied by Workhorse.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Regards,

Terry Coleman  
Director of Codes and Safety

Attachments

cc: Mr. Daniel Bensman  
Mr. Robert Wheeler  
Mr. Mark Wahl  
Mr. David Mihalick