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August 1, 2007

**VIA E-MAIL - RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

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(3 Pages)

Mr. George H. Person  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Office of Defects Investigation  
400 7<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. NSA-11  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Airstream Inc  
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Person:

Airstream has identified a vehicle non-compliance in certain Airstream Travel Trailers manufactured between April 1, 2006 and May 31, 2007.

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 vehicles manufactured by Airstream were built with incorrect tire pressure information on the Tire Inflation Pressure Label on the roadside front of the unit. In addition, the tire, rim and tire pressure information in the Owners Manual is incorrect.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The trailers built with the non-compliance are as follows:

<u>Product Line</u>	<u>Model Years Affected</u>
Base Camp	2006, 2007 and 2008

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is 157.

- B. Description of Defect. Airstream has decided that certain Airstream Travel Trailers fail to conform to the requirements of Part 571.110, "Tire Selection and Rims." The Tire Inflation Pressure Label on the roadside front of the vehicle has incorrect air pressure information. In addition, the tire, rim and tire pressure information in the Owners Manual is incorrect. The Tire Inflation Label lists the cold tire inflation pressure as 517kpa (75psi). The label should list the cold tire inflation pressure as 300kpa (44psi) or 345kpa (50psi) dependent upon which tire is installed on the trailer. An over inflated tire could blow out, causing the trailer to sway uncontrollably which could cause a crash. 100% of the travel trailers subject to this recall campaign were built with the incorrect information on the Tire Inflation Pressure Label.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Airstream discovered this non-compliance during a routine compliance audit. There are no known injuries or

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accidents that have been reported to Airstream as a result of this non-compliance.

- D. Remedying of Defect. The recall campaign to be implemented by Airstream to remedy the non-compliance will be to mail corrected Tire Inflation Pressure Labels and a label with correct tire information that can be placed in the Owner's Manual over the incorrect information to Base Camp owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. Airstream will notify owners of the travel trailers of the non-compliance. A copy of the Owner's notification letter is attached for approval.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Airstream will be filing quarterly reports as required by Part 573.7 of Title 49 the Code of Federal Regulations.
- G. Campaign Number. Airstream does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Airstream will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Airstream with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Airstream in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick  
Thor Industries  
Standards Compliance Manager

**DATE:** August 1, 2007

**TO:** Owner  
Address  
City, State, Zip Code

**VIN:**

**SUBJECT:** NHTSA Recall No. XXX-XXX

**This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.**

**REASON FOR THIS RECALL**

Airstream has decided that certain Airstream Travel Trailers fail to conform to the requirements of Part 571.110, "Tire Selection and Rims." The tire pressure is incorrect on the Tire Inflation Pressure Label. The pressure was incorrectly printed as 75 psi. and should have been either 50 psi. or 44 psi dependent upon the size of tire that is on the trailer. In addition, the tire, rim and tire pressure information in the Owners Manual is incorrect. A misprinted label and Owner's Manual could lead to over tire inflation which could cause a blow-out and result in a crash.

**WHAT WE WILL DO**

Airstream is providing a new Tire Inflation Pressure Label and Owner's Manual Insert with the correct information to the owners of the recalled vehicles.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO**

Please deface and/or remove the old Tire Inflation Pressure Label, located at the front left corner of your trailer and replace it with the new enclosed label. Please place the Owner's Manual label over the tire and rim information in your Owner's manual. If you feel uncomfortable in performing either of these procedures, you may take your travel trailer to any Airstream Dealer and they will perform this service at no charge to you.

If you are having trouble locating or scheduling an appointment with your local Airstream Service Center, please contact the Airstream Customer Service Department at 1-519-262-2600.

After contacting your dealer and the Airstream Customer Service Department, and you are still having trouble getting your vehicle remedied or that there has been an unreasonable delay in securing repairs, you may submit a complaint to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave, Washington, DC 20590 or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline toll free at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>. Federal Regulations require any lessor receiving this letter to forward it to the lessee within 10 days.

Your safety and satisfaction with your Airstream product are important to us and we regret any inconvenience to you.

Sincerely,

Terry Coleman  
Codes and Safety Manager  
Airstream