



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
08V-334

Subject: SEATING SYSTEMS/FMVSS 207

Dear MR. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge Airstream's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 207, "Seating Systems," in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
AIRSTREAM/INTERSTATE/2008-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-334

Mfg's Report Date: July 16, 2008

Components: SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 14

Summary:
AIRSTREAM IS RECALLING 14 MY 2008-2009 INTERSTATE CLASS B VANS BUILT WITH FACTORY INSTALLED DRIVER AND PASSENGER SEAT SWIVEL MECHANISMS. THESE VANS FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 207, "SEATING SYSTEMS."

Consequence:

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT DURING A FRONTAL IMPACT, THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER SEAT SWIVEL MECHANISM COULD FAIL CAUSING SEVERE INJURY TO THE SEAT OCCUPANTS.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE DEFECTIVE SEAT SWIVEL MECHANISMS WITH MODIFIED SEAT SWIVEL MECHANISMS THAT HAVE BEEN REINFORCED AND CONTAINS A STRONGER SWIVEL LOCKING BOLT. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JULY 31, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT AIRSTREAM AT 1-937-596-6111.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

Airstream must file a sample of the envelope which you intend to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelope in larger font than the customers name and address.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person", written in a cursive style.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement