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VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED

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(3 Pages)

Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Airstream Corporation
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Airstream has identified a vehicle non-compliance in certain Airstream Interstate Motorhomes manufactured between April 1, 2008 and June 1, 2008.

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 Driver and Passenger seat swivel mechanisms that do not meet the requirements of FMVSS 207, "Seating Systems"

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

<u>Product Line</u>	<u>Model Years Affected</u>
Interstate	2008, 2009

These motorhomes were manufactured between April 1, 2008 and June 1, 2008. The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 14.

- B. Description of Defect. Airstream has determined that certain Interstate Motorhomes fail to conform to the requirements of Part 571.207. During combined 207/210 seat testing the top plate of the swivel mechanism was pulled over the head of the Swivel Locking Bolt, causing the bolt head to fracture. When the Locking Bolt failed, both the top and bottom plate of the swivel mechanism bent upward and forward causing the seat to fail the requirements of FMVSS 207. If the vehicle is involved in a frontal impact the seat swivel mechanism of the Driver and Front Passenger seats could fail. 100% of the Class B Interstate Vans subject to this recall campaign were built with the Seat Swivel Mechanisms that failed FMVSS 207 requirements.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Airstream discovered this noncompliance during routine FMVSS 207/210 compliance testing at a Third-

Party Testing Agency. There are no known injuries or accidents that have been reported to Airstream as a result of this noncompliance.

- D. Remedying of Defect. The recall campaign to be implemented by Airstream to remedy the non-compliance will be to replace the faulty Seat Swivel Mechanism with a modified Swivel Mechanism that has been reinforced and has a stronger, Grade 8 Swivel Locking Bolt. This configuration has passed FMVSS 207/210 combined testing.
- E. Owner Notifications. Airstream will notify owners of the Interstate Vans of the noncompliance. A copy of the Owner's notification letter is attached for approval.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Airstream will notify dealers of the Interstate Vans of the noncompliance. A copy of the Dealer's notification letter will be forwarded shortly for approval.
- G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Airstream will file the required quarterly reports to NHTSA.
- H. 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 or Airstream at 937-596-6111.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries, Standards Compliance Manager

DATE: July, 2008

TO:

SUBJECT: NHTSA Recall No.

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 Interstate Class B Vans fail to conform to the requirements of part 571.207, "Seating Systems" of Part 49, Code of Federal Regulations. Fourteen Interstate Vans manufactured by Airstream between April 1, 2008 and June 1, 2008 were built with factory installed Driver and Passenger Seat Swivel Mechanisms that failed during routine seat compliance testing. It is possible that during a frontal impact, the Driver and Passenger Seat Swivel Mechanism could fail causing severe injury to the seat occupants.

WHAT WE WILL DO

Airstream will replace, with no cost to you, the defective Seat Swivel Mechanisms with modified Seat Swivel Mechanisms that have been reinforced and contains a stronger Swivel Locking Bolt.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

You should contact the closest Airstream Dealer Service Center and schedule an appointment to have the Driver and Passenger Seat Swivel Mechanisms replaced. It is estimated that the repair will take two hours to complete. If you are having trouble locating or scheduling an appointment with your local Airstream Service Center, please contact the Airstream Customer Service Department at 1-937-596-6111.

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