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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

09V-110 EFFECTS
RECALL ACTION

09V-206
(2 Pages)

Re: Airstream Corporation
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Airstream has been notified by Workhorse Custom Chassis concerning a safety defect involving chassis built between July 24, 2000 and December 19, 2007 inclusive. Workhorse Custom Chassis has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 09V-110 to the Workhorse Custom Chassis recall campaign.

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 were built with Workhorse Custom Chassis chassis that contain the defect.

As more specifically set forth below, Workhorse Custom Chassis has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective chassis. Airstream will provide Workhorse Custom Chassis with a list of dealers and owners to assist Workhorse Custom Chassis in remedying the defect. Workhorse Custom Chassis will be filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The defective chassis supplied by Workhorse Custom Chassis have been used on the following motorhomes:

<u>Make</u>	<u>Models</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Airstream	35XL, 355XL	2003-2005

These motorhomes were manufactured between August 2003 and November 2005.

The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 6.

- B. Description of Defect. The defective chassis contain axles that include Bosch ZOPS or ZOHT pin slide hydraulic disc brakes. When combined with occasional or seasonal vehicle operation may experience calipers sticking in the applied position. This can result in abnormal heat generation at the wheel end causing

brake drag. The temperature increase at the wheel end can eventually lead to a soft pedal condition due to brake fluid boil, and possibly extended stopping distance increasing the risk of a crash.

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Airstream received notification from Workhorse Custom Chassis in April 2009 that the defect with the chassis exists.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Workhorse Custom Chassis in connection with recall campaign 09V-110, Workhorse Custom Chassis will correct the chassis if found to be defective. The owners of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Workhorse Custom Chassis in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Workhorse Custom Chassis. Workhorse Custom Chassis will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 09V-110. Workhorse Custom Chassis has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. Workhorse Custom Chassis will notify the owner's of the motorhomes on behalf of Airstream. A copy of the owner's notification letter will be submitted with recall 09V-110.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Workhorse Custom Chassis will notify the Dealer's of the motorhomes on behalf of Airstream. A copy of the Dealer's notification letter will be submitted with recall 09V-110.
- G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Workhorse Custom Chassis will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 09V-110. Because the information included by Workhorse Custom Chassis in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Airstream motorhomes subject to this recall campaign, Airstream will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication.
- 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