



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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NVS-215KS  
12V-532

**Subject:** The Hydraulic Brake Hose may Fail due to Flexing

Dear Mr. Mihalick:

This letter serves to acknowledge Airstream, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. 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/CLASSIC/2006-2009

**Mfr's Report Date:** November 6, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-532

**Components:**  
SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC  
SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 715

**Problem Description:**

Airstream is recalling certain model year 2006-2009 Airstream Classic recreational vehicles manufactured between May 2005 and April 2009. The brake hose may flex near the fitting on the brake assembly and lead to hose fatigue. Also, during suspension travel, the brake hose may rub on the underside of the trailer.

**Consequence:**

As a result of flexing or rubbing, the brake hose may fail causing a loss of brake pressure, reducing braking performance. The loss of braking ability could result in a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Airstream will notify owners, and dealers will replace and reroute the brake lines, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in early December 2012. Owners may contact Airstream at 1-937-538-1268.

**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>.

We have received Airstream's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

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 contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "T".

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement