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December 18, 2012

**VIA E-MAIL  
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

Ms. Nancy Lewis  
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  
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Airstream has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety may exist in the recreational vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The recall population includes the following product model manufactured by Airstream.

<u>Model</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Airstream Interstate Rear Sofa Floor Plan	2008 - 2013

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is 576.  
These vehicles were manufactured between August 2007 and December 2012.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to his recall were built with the rear sofa floor plan. It is possible for the seat belt latch or buckle to fall in between the sofa base and sofa back and come in contact with electrical equipment located under the sofa base. It is also possible for metal cables under the seat to break and fall on the electrical equipment as well. If either item comes in contact with the electrical equipment arcing could occur, which could result in a fire.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Airstream received notification from a customer regarding a fire in their vehicle. After an engineering review, it was determined that either the seat belt buckle or a broken motor control cable came in contact with the electrical components under the seat. A review of the information stored on file for each vehicle led to the determination of the beginning and ending production range.

- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to install a cover over the electrical components located under the sofa. In addition, a protective cover will be installed over the electrical connection from the battery box. This will be done at no charge to the vehicle owner.
- E. Owner Notifications. Airstream will begin notifying owners within three weeks pending NHTSA approval. An owner's letter is attached for approval.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Airstream will begin notifying dealers within three weeks pending NHTSA approval. A dealer's letter is attached for approval.
- G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Airstream will be filing quarterly reports in connection with this recall campaign.
- 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 David Mihalick at 937-596-796. or Terry Coleman, Airstream, at 937-538-1268.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick  
Thor Industries  
Standards Compliance Manager