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Greetings! Well it is inching closer and closer to Spring as I write this article in March. We have had a few warm days and that has us all excited for the weather to change so we can get our trailers out and go camping!

I have had this question a few times now and it deals with condensation inside of the trailers building up. This is a question we would normally hear in the winter season as when warm interiors collide with freezing exterior temperatures it can lead to condensation build up. There are a few steps that can be taken to lessen this condition and that is what I will cover in this article.

I appreciate all the feedback I have received. Keep it coming for future articles!!

Combatting Condensation in Your Airstream

Condensation is an issue that may affect your Airstream during long trips or if staying in the unit for extended periods of time. A large amount of condensation can lead to damage to your upholstery, growth issues, and an overall uncomfortable stay in your unit. While in conditions which can cause condensation, such as cold weather and areas with high humidity, extra precautions should be taken to help combat condensation levels on the inside of the unit. While it may not be completely unavoidable, here are a few tips to help decrease the amount of condensation in your Airstream.

Use a De-humidifier

Just like in your home, the use of a de-humidifier can significantly decrease the amount of moisture in the air. Cutting down on those moisture levels can greatly lower the amount of condensation you could experience.

Even a small de-humidifier, like the Eva-Dry available through the Airstream Store, can help a great deal. If condensation is allowed to build up a residential style de-humidifier may be needed. It is best to stay on top of the condition as much as possible. This can be especially true in the humid climates of the Southeast and Pacific Northwest.



Use a Fan to Circulate Air

One of the easiest things you can do to help lower levels of condensation in your Airstream is to use either the fan in your A/C, your Fantastic Fan or a small electric fan to circulate air throughout the unit. Stagnant air allows moisture to build on the walls and windows of the coach. Air movement can go a long way in preventing excess moisture from forming in your Airstream.



Open Cabinet Doors for More Uniform Air Temperatures

Condensation occurs most regularly when warm, moist air comes in contact with a cool surface. When running your furnace in cool weather, the conditions can be right for water droplets to form on surfaces within your coach. Opening your cabinets and drawers to will help air circulate inside your cabinets. This keeps temperatures throughout the unit more uniform, decreasing the likelihood of moisture build up on walls.



Keep Blinds Open During the Day

Keeping your curtains and blinds open during the day allows heat and sunlight to enter your coach. This can help keep a more uniform temperature inside of your Airstream.



Proper Venting When Showering or Cooking

Be sure to vent your coach properly when showering and cooking to help keep moisture out of your Airstream. When showering, make sure your bath vent is open, preferably with the fan running to exhaust as much moisture as possible. Also, when cooking, especially if boiling water, make sure your range hood is running. If you feel moisture in the air, it is a good idea to use your vent fans to exhaust that moisture to prevent buildup.



Compartment Door Gaskets and window Gaskets

It is also a good idea to inspect exterior compartment door gaskets as well as window gaskets. If there is deterioration or gapping it is possible that cold air can rush in and mix with the warm interior air creating another opportunity for condensation to build up. If the compartment door is under the bed or an enclosed area you may not even realize that cold air is infiltrating the trailer.

Look for Signs

Keep an eye out for signs of moisture. Check areas around windows, doors, upholstery and seams regularly for water buildup, condensation or discoloration. If you feel moisture in the air, make sure to take proper steps to prevent moisture from sitting in the coach for extended periods of time. When staying in particularly humid climates, check these areas more frequently. These tips, along with regular inspections, can greatly help decrease the amount of condensation in your Airstream and prevent any issues that may occur.

I would love to hear from you and if you have a suggestion or topic you would like to see covered in a future article, or have a question just drop me a line at rmarch@airstream.com .

Have a great month!

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