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Greetings! As I write this article in early April our lives have been changed due to the global pandemic of COVID-19. We have shut down our production plant and doing our best to follow the guidelines of our stay at home order given by the Governor of Ohio. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone to stay safe and healthy!! My hope is that by the time you read this article in early May we can say that the number of newly infected is diminishing rapidly.

A huge Thank You to all of our citizens in the medical industry as well as our first responders. There are also many companies and individuals that are going the extra mile during this time of need. It is truly amazing to see the level of dedication in which they perform when a crisis like this occurs. We could only imagine where we would be without their heroism.

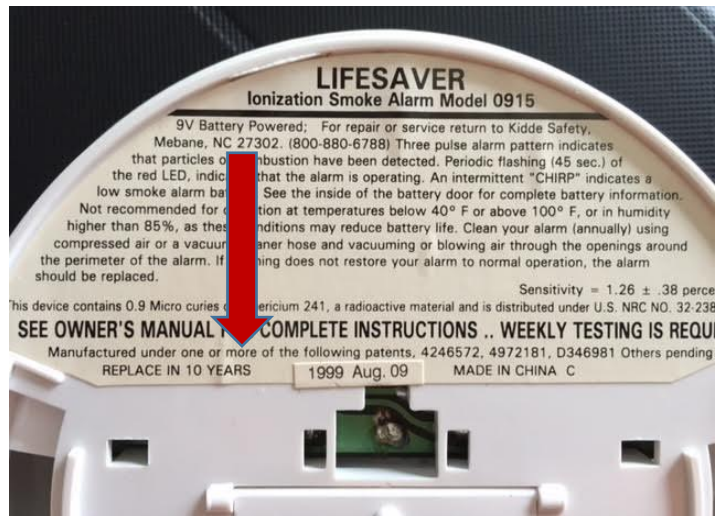
This month I will cover the safety equipment installed in our products as well as an article I read reminding us all about the importance of cleaning our products during these unforeseen times.

Safety Is Never Out of Date

Test-Check-Test:

Make it a habit to routinely check the LP Detector, Smoke Detector, CO2 Detector and Fire extinguisher

- Change Batteries
- Make sure they are not out of date-
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Fire Extinguisher



Inspect fire extinguishers at least once a month and ensure that:

- The extinguisher is not blocked and there is easy access in an emergency.
- The pressure is at the recommended level. On extinguishers equipped with a gauge the needle should be in the green zone - not too high and not too low.
- The nozzle or other parts are not hindered in any way.
- The pin and tamper seal (if it has one) are intact.

- There are no leaks, or other signs of abuse/wear.
*Some manufacturers recommend shaking your dry chemical extinguishers once a month to prevent the powder from settling/packing.
Consult your owner's manual, extinguisher label or the manufacture to see recommendations.

IMPORTANT: Recharge or replace all fire extinguishers immediately after use regardless of how much they were used.

How to Disinfect Your Airstream



For those full-timing or recently wrapping up a trip in your Airstream, here are guidelines to keep your Airstream clean and disinfected to help prevent the possible spread of the coronavirus, which causes COVID-19.

There is a difference between cleaning and disinfecting. Cleaning may remove viruses from a surface, but it does not kill them. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID-19 guidelines](#) call for cleaning surfaces before disinfection.

Your Airstream's interior can be cleaned using many of the same products used to clean similar surfaces in your home.

For disinfection, most common household disinfectants, including Clorox and Lysol products, should be effective, according to the CDC.

If you can't find those items, diluted household bleach solutions and alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol can be used where appropriate for surfaces. Wear disposable gloves while disinfecting and throw them away immediately after use.

Prepare a bleach solution by mixing 5 **tablespoons** (1/3 cup) bleach per gallon of water or 4 **teaspoons** bleach per quart of water.

Be sure to disinfect all exterior touch surfaces as well, including door handles, hitches, storage latches, and cranks.

Wash all linens with laundry detergent at the highest recommended temperature for the fabric.

Cleaning and disinfecting your Airstream is an important and easy task with no downside. Even if there never was a virus lurking in your Airstream, it will be spick and span, ready for your first outing when the all-clear sounds and outdoor adventure is back on the menu.

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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