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**VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

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(2 Pages)

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

Re: Airstream
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

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 Classic	2005 - 2009

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is 737.
These vehicles were manufactured between March 2005 and April 2009.

- A. Description of Defect. It has been determined that these vehicles could have been manufactured with a faulty hydraulic brake controller manufactured by Active Technologies. The brake controller fluid reservoir can leak brake fluid onto the controller's circuit board causing it to fail. The circuit board failure can unexpectedly cause the brakes on the trailer to lock up or to fail. The locking of the brakes or failure of the brakes could result in a loss of vehicle control that could result in a crash. There have been no complaints or reports of injury associated with this defect.
- B. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Airstream had received several warranty claims concerning the Active Technology brake controller. In reviewing these claims it was decided that the Active Technologies brake controller installed as original equipment was defective. A review of the information stored

on file for each vehicle led to the determination of the beginning and ending production range.

- C. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to inspect the brake controller and if found faulty, to replace it with a new controller. This will be done at no charge to the vehicle owner.
- D. Supplier Information
AT Limited
7600 Sand Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76118

This company has ceased operations as of this date.

- 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 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363. or Terry Coleman, Airstream, at 937-538-1268.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager