



# 2019 Owner's Manual (NEST)





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## Notes

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# Introduction

# 1

**The Owner's Manual for your new Nest trailer is designed to respond to the most frequent inquiries regarding the operation, function, and care of the many systems that make modern trailering a joy.**

Airstream realizes our customers possess varying degrees of expertise in the area of maintaining and repairing the appliances in their trailer. For this reason, the service information found in this manual is directed toward those with average mechanical skills. We also realize that you may be more familiar with one area than another. Only you know your capabilities and limitations. We want you to use this manual and hope you will find the information contained in it useful. However, should you ever feel that you may be in need of assistance, please consult your Airstream dealer for advice on service that may be required.

A brief explanation of the operation of appliances such as refrigerator, furnace, water heater, and others are explained in this manual. However, you will also find more detailed manufacturers' information supplied in a packet included with this manual.

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**We have provided many important safety messages throughout this manual. Always read and obey all safety messages.**

Optional items may be available on all, or particular models. Additionally, some optional items can only be included during the manufacturing phase and cannot later be added to the trailer.

The inclusion of information in this manual regarding optional items does not imply or suggest the availability, application, suitability, or inclusion of those items for any specific unit.



## **WARNING**

A warning is used for very hazardous situations which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury to persons.



## **CAUTION**

A caution is used to advise special care when performing actions that could result in minor or moderate injury to persons and/or damage to equipment.



## **NOTE**

A note is used to address practices not related to personal injury. This applies to hazardous situations involving property damage only.



## Notes

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# Safety

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## Precautions

Many things can be construed as safety related, but the most important is your common sense. If you are careless with matches, cigarettes, flammable material, or any other hazardous material, you surely realize your potential for accidents is greatly increased.

You will find many safety recommendations in this section and throughout the manual. The following recommendations are the ones we consider to be the most important.

### Transporting of Passengers

The transporting of people in the trailer puts their lives at risk and may be illegal. The trailer does not have seat belts, therefore, it is not designed to carry passengers.

### Towing and Weight Distribution

Weight distribution is an important factor when loading your travel trailer. A recreational vehicle with the cargo distributed properly will result in efficient, trouble-free towing. Refer to Section 7—Towing for more information.

### Controlling Sway

Sway or fishtailing is the sideways action of a trailer caused by external forces. Excessive sway of your travel trailer can lead to the rollover of the trailer and tow vehicle, resulting in serious injury or death. Refer to Section 7—Towing for more information.

### Lug Nut Torquing

Making sure wheel mounting nuts (lug nuts) on trailer wheels are tight and properly torqued is an important responsibility that trailer owners and users need to understand and practice. Inadequate and/or inappropriate wheel nut torque (tightness) is a major cause of lug nuts loosening in service. Loose lug nuts can rapidly lead to a wheel separation resulting in potentially serious safety consequences. See torque pattern and specifications in the Section 8—Maintenance for tightening sequence, and specifications.

### Appliances and Equipment

The stove, hot water heater and furnace operate on LP gas. LP gas is flammable and is contained under high pressure. Improper use may result in a fire and/or explosion. Make sure to follow all instructions and warnings in this manual as well as those in the specific manuals of the appliances and equipment.

### Mold

Mold and mold spores exist throughout indoor and out- door environments. There is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in an indoor environment. However, to control indoor mold growth, control moisture. Refer to Section 3—General Information (Camping) for information on controlling condensation and molds.

## Chemical Sensitivity

Immediately after the purchase of your new recreational vehicle, and sometimes after it has been closed up for an extended period of time, you may notice a strong odor and/or experience a chemical sensitivity. This is not a defect in your recreational vehicle. Like your home, there are many different products used in the construction of recreational vehicles, such as carpet, linoleum, plywood, insulation, upholstery, etc. Formaldehyde is also the by- product of combustion and numerous household products such as paints, coatings and cosmetics.

However, recreational vehicles are much smaller than your home; therefore, the exchange of air inside a recreational vehicle is significantly less than in a home. These products, when new or when exposed to elevated temperatures and/or humidity, may off-gas chemicals, including formaldehyde. This off-gassing, in combination with the minimal air exchange, may cause you to experience: irritation of the eyes, nose and throat; headache, nausea and/or a variety of asthma-like symptoms.

Elderly persons and young children, as well as anyone with a history of asthma, allergies, or lung problems, may be more susceptible to the effects of off-gassing.

### Formaldehyde

Formaldehyde is a naturally occurring substance and is an important chemical used widely by industry to manufacture building materials and numerous household products. It is also a by-product of combustion and certain other natural processes. Thus, it may be present inside the trailer and some individuals may be sensitive to it. Ventilation of the unit normally reduces the exposure to a comfortable level. Trace levels of formaldehyde are released from smoking, cooking and use of soaps, detergents and other household products. Some people are very sensitive to formaldehyde while others may not have any reaction to the same levels of formaldehyde. Amounts released decrease over time.



Your Airstream trailer was manufactured using low formaldehyde-emitting (LFE) wood products, use of which is typical in the recreation vehicle industry. Formaldehyde has an important role in the adhesives used to bind wood products used in recreation vehicles. The wood products in your trailer are designed to emit formaldehyde at or lower than industry guidelines and should not produce symptoms in most individuals.

While LFE wood products typically do not emit formaldehyde at a level that would cause symptoms in most individuals, it is possible, though not likely, for that to occur when the trailer is not properly ventilated. Ventilation is an essential requirement for trailer use, for many reasons. Any effects of formaldehyde can be greatly reduced by actions such as opening windows, opening roof vents, running the air conditioner, or some combination thereof. In addition, the emission of formaldehyde by these products naturally decreases rapidly over time.

Airstream strongly suggests you take measures to properly ventilate your trailer on a regular basis. If you have any questions with respect to proper ventilation of your trailer, please do not hesitate to contact your Airstream dealer.

## Ventilation

To reduce or lessen exposure to chemicals from off-gassing, it is of utmost importance that you ventilate your recreational vehicle. Ventilation should occur frequently after purchase and at times when the temperatures and humidity are elevated. Remember, off-gassing is often accelerated by heat and humidity.

Open windows, exhaust vents, and doors. Operate ceiling and/or other fans, roof air conditioners and furnaces to force stale air out and bring fresh air in. Decreasing the flow of air by sealing the recreational vehicle increases the formaldehyde level in the vehicle's indoor air.

## Medical Advice

Any questions regarding the effects of formaldehyde on your health should be submitted to your doctor or local health department.

## Alarms and Detectors

### Smoke Alarm

A smoke alarm is provided with your trailer. A manual pertaining to the alarm is included in the paper work given to you at the dealership. Please read and follow all care, maintenance, and safety information contained in the smoke alarm manual.



The smoke alarm will beep once a minute for at least 30 days when the battery is weak. The battery must immediately be replaced with a fresh one.

If service is required or you have not received a smoke alarm user's manual, please contact the manufacturer, your dealer, or Airstream Customer Service.



#### **WARNING**

The alarm battery is shipped deactivated. Check your alarm for proper battery installation. The new Airstream owner is responsible for activating alarm by installing the battery included into proper orientation.



#### **WARNING**

Smoke alarms have a limited life. The unit should be replaced immediately if it is not operating properly. You should always replace a smoke alarm after 10 years from the date of purchase. Write the purchase date on the space provided on the back of unit.

It is recommended you do not smoke inside your recreational vehicle. In addition to causing damage to your recreational vehicle, tobacco smoke releases formaldehyde and other toxic chemicals.



## Carbon Monoxide Detector

Carefully read and understand the contents of the provided instruction manual before using the alarm.



## What Is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a highly poisonous gas that is released when fuels are burned. It is invisible, has no smell and is therefore very difficult to detect with the human senses. Under normal conditions, in a room where fuel-burning appliances are well maintained and correctly ventilated, the amount of carbon monoxide released into the room by appliances is not dangerous.

These fuels include: wood, coal, charcoal, oil, natural gas, gasoline, kerosene, and propane.

Common appliances are often sources of CO. If they are not properly maintained, are improperly ventilated, or malfunction, CO levels can rise quickly. CO is a real danger in air-tight trailers with added insulation, sealed windows, and other weatherproofing that can trap CO inside.



### WARNING

Don't smoke inside the trailer. Keep matches out of reach of small children. Don't clean with flammable material. Keep flammable material away from open flame. Always shut off LPG gas at the bottle when fueling tow vehicle.

We have all heard the above warnings many times, yet the situation or occurrences they discuss are still among the leading causes of fires. Safety information concerning the LPG system of your trailer is located in Section 6 — Exterior of this manual.



### WARNING

Failure to replace this alarm by "REPLACE BY DATE" printed on the alarm cover may result in death by carbon monoxide poisoning. Note that the "REPLACE BY DATE" is six (6) years from the date of manufacture.



### WARNING

Activation of your CO alarms audible horn indicates the presence of lethal carbon monoxide. Leave area immediately!

## The Carbon Monoxide Alarm Is Not...

- Designed to detect any gas other than CO.
- To be seen as a substitute for the proper servicing of fuel-burning appliances.
- To be used on an intermittent basis, or as a portable alarm for spillage of combustion products from fuel-burning appliances.



### NOTE

This carbon monoxide alarm is designed for indoor use only. Do not expose to rain or moisture. Do not knock or drop the alarm. Do not open or tamper with the alarm as this could cause malfunction. The alarm will not protect against the risk of CO poisoning when the batteries are dead or missing.

The alarm will only indicate the presence of carbon monoxide at the sensor. CO may be present in other areas.

## Important Safety Precautions

- CO is produced by the incomplete combustion of fuels such as wood, charcoal, coal, heating oil, paraffin, gasoline, natural gas, propane, etc.
- It is recommended that a CO alarm should be installed in or near every room that has a fuel burning appliance such as space heaters, cooktops, ovens, water heaters, etc.
- Ensure that the alarm horn can be heard by all those who are intended to hear it. Seek medical help if it is suspected that a user of the RV is suffering from CO poisoning.
- If the alarm sounds, make sure to investigate the problem. Ignoring the alarm may result in sickness, injury, or death. (CO may be present even if nothing is seen or smelled by the user.)
- Room spaces should be well ventilated when household cleaning supplies are used as these may cause a false alarm.
- Alarm should be tested once per week. If you require other information or details which do not appear in this manual, contact BRK Brands Inc. First Alert.



### WARNING

Test all alarms used in RVs after the vehicle has been in storage, before each trip and once a week while in use. Failure to test the alarms as described may remove your protection and threaten your safety.

The following conditions can result in potentially dangerous CO situations:

- Excessive spillage or reverse-venting of fuel-burning appliances caused by outdoor conditions, such as:
  1. Wind direction and/or velocity, including high gusts of wind.
  2. Heavy air in the vent pipes (cold/humid air with extended periods between cycles).
  3. Negative pressure differential resulting from use of exhaust fans.
  4. Simultaneous operation of several fuel-burning appliances competing for limited internal air.
  5. Vent-pipe connections vibrating loose from clothes dryers, furnaces, or water heaters.
  6. Obstructions in or unconventional vent-pipe designs which can amplify the above situations.
- Extended use of un-vented fuel burning devices.
- Temperature increase that can trap exhaust gases near the ground.

## Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Mild Exposure — Slight headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue (flu-like symptoms).
- Medium Exposure — Throbbing headache, drowsiness, confusion, fast heart rate.
- Extreme Exposure — Convulsions, unconsciousness, heart and lung failure. Exposure to carbon monoxide can cause brain damage and/or death.



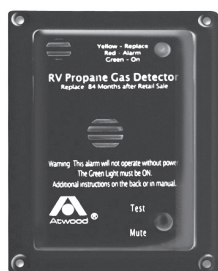
### WARNING

Many cases of reported carbon monoxide poisoning indicate that while victims may be aware that they are unwell, they become disoriented and are unable to save themselves by either exiting the trailer or calling for help. Also young children and pets may be the first to be affected.

## Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) Detector

This alarm has a seven year life — see “end-of-life” notification in LPG detector manual. Read entire detector manual before operating unit.

The LPG detector is located in the kitchen area near the floor. LPG is a mixture of gases produced and sold commercially as a fuel for heating and cooking appliances. LPG is highly flammable and as a result can be explosive if ignited under certain circumstances.



LPG is heavier than air and, if confined in a closed space, will accumulate close to the floor. The LPG detector is designed to alert at less than 25% of the legal explosive limit. It provides visual and audible alerts — sounding an alarm every five (5) seconds and illuminating the red LED.

Your LPG detector is wired directly to your trailer battery and incorporates a 1-amp, in-line fuse. It has no internal battery backup. In normal stand-by mode, the LED indicator will be green.



### WARNING

Activation of this detector indicates the possible presence of LPG, which can cause an explosion and/or fire, causing serious injury or death. Activation normally indicates a leak in the LPG installation or an LPG appliance. Extinguish all open flames, open your windows and door, and evacuate the unit immediately. Do not activate any electrical switch. Turn off the LPG at your gas tank. Do not re-enter your unit until a qualified repair technician has corrected the problem and certified the system as safe.

## LPG Detector — Low Voltage

The operating voltage for the detector is 12 VDC. The actual voltage supplied to the detector in a recreational vehicle may drop below the minimum 8 VDC. The detector provides the user with a low voltage warning before reaching that level and will provide additional distinct, clear warnings and alarms after the 8 VDC level is reached. However, if available power supplied to the unit is below the operating voltage of 8 VDC, the detector will not detect gas or provide protection against dangerous levels of LPG.



### WARNING

It is not recommended that the detector be disconnected from the battery during periods of storage. There is a small heater on the sensor of the device that burns away impurities in the air during periods of normal use. During periods when power is interrupted, impurities can build up on the sensor. When power is returned to the detector, the detector alarm may activate until the impurities are burned off. This could take a number of hours, during which time the alarm will be constantly on.

**WARNING**

Have a qualified technician check your LPG system annually or if you detect any signs of leaks or malfunctions.

**LPG Detector — Test**

The Test/Reset button is used to verify proper alarm function. Executing the test function sounds the alarm and lights up the red LED. The test will sound the alarm twice, with four beeps in ONE second, followed by FIVE seconds of silence. By pressing the button, you can verify that the alarm sounds and the LED functions properly.

**NOTE**

Refer to Section 5—Interior and Section 6—Exterior for additional LPG warnings and safety information.

## Fire Extinguisher

The fire extinguisher should be checked for charge on a regular basis. Make sure your family knows how to release the extinguisher storage bracket, and how to properly operate the extinguisher.

Check with your local fire department for professional advice on its operation and use if you find the directions on the extinguisher unclear. They will be able and willing to assist you and your family.

**WARNING**

Read directions found on the fire extinguisher carefully. If you have any doubts as to the extinguisher's operation, you and your family should actually practice using it, then replace or recharge the extinguisher. Contact your local fire department for assistance you or to answer any questions.

## Emergency Exits

Safety should always be a top priority. Ensure that you, and everyone traveling with you, can operate the main door and emergency exit window rapidly, without light.

Obviously, your primary exit from your trailer will be the main cabin door in the rear of Nest. However, if the main door is blocked and evacuation from the trailer is necessary, use the emergency escape window. This window identified by its RED release handle.

1. Remove bug screen from window frame
2. Depress RED-tipped window handle to release from latch, then pull straight
3. Push handle through frame, window will swing free; climb out to safety



Plan ahead and consider other means of escape in case the designated exits are blocked.

**WARNING**

Window operation should be checked before each trip and latches lubricated with WD-40® or equivalent every six months.

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## Limited Warranty Policy

### Warranty Coverage

(i) The first retail owner and any subsequent owners (ii) ONLY those portions of a NEW travel trailer not excluded under the section "What is Not Covered", when sold by an authorized dealership; and, (iii) ONLY defects in workmanship performed and/or materials used to assemble those portions of your travel trailer not excluded under the section "What is Not Covered". "Defect" means the failure of the workmanship performed and/or materials used to conform with the design and manufacturing specification and tolerances of Airstream. The Limited Warranty is transferable and the subsequent owner's warranty coverage period shall be the unexpired balance of the original warranty coverage period. A completed copy of the Warranty Transfer Form must be submitted to Airstream at the time of resale.

### End of Coverage

36 Months after the first retail owner first takes delivery of the travel trailer from an authorized dealership. Any action for breach of this warranty or any implied warranties must be commenced not more than 37 months after breach. Some states do not allow the reduction of the time when a breach of warranty claim must be commenced, so the reduction in time when a breach of warranty claim must be commenced may not apply to you.

### Limitation Of Implied Warranties

Implied warranties arising under applicable law, if any, including but not limited to implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, are hereby limited in duration to the term of this limited warranty and are limited in scope of coverage to those portions of the travel trailer covered by this limited warranty. There are no express warranties or any implied warranties of merchantability on those portions of the travel trailer excluded from coverage. There is no warranty of any nature made by Airstream beyond that contained in this limited warranty. No person has authority to enlarge, amend or modify this limited warranty.

The dealer is not Airstream's agent. Airstream is not responsible for any undertaking, representation or warranty made by any dealer or others beyond those expressly set forth within this limited warranty. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations may not apply to you.

### Incidental And Consequential Damages Disclaimer

Airstream disclaims any and all incidental and consequential damages, including but not limited to expenses such as transportation to and from dealerships and Airstream repair facilities, loss of time, loss of pay, loss of use, inconvenience, commercial loss (including but not limited to lost profits), towing

charges, bus fares, vehicle rental, service call charges, gasoline expenses, incidental charges such as telephone calls and facsimile transmissions, and expenses for lodging and moisture damage such as mold and mildew as well as rust and corrosion.

This disclaimer is independent of any failure of the essential purpose of any warranties provided with the travel trailer, and shall survive any determination that a warranty failed of its essential purpose. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

### Repair Remedy

Airstream's sole and exclusive obligation is to repair any covered defects discovered within the warranty coverage period if: (1) within 10 days of your discovery of a defect you notify Airstream OR an authorized dealership of the defect; AND (2) you deliver your travel trailer to Airstream OR an authorized dealership at your cost and expense.

### Back-Up Remedy

If the primary repair remedy fails to successfully cure any defect after a reasonable number of repair attempts, your sole and exclusive remedy shall be to have Airstream pay an independent service shop of your choice to perform repairs to the defect OR if the defect is incurable, have Airstream pay diminution in value damages. The repair remedy and the back-up remedy must both be exhausted and these remedies must fail to fulfill their essential purpose before you can seek any legal or equitable relief. This limited warranty is not a warranty that promises or extends to future performance because the warranty does not make a representation on how your travel trailer will perform in the future but instead represents only what the remedy will be if a defect exists.

Unless prohibited by state law, repairs will not extend the time when you must commence a breach of warranty claim and shall not extend the warranty coverage period. Any performance of repairs after the warranty coverage ends OR any performance of repairs to those portions of your travel trailer excluded from coverage shall be considered "good will" repairs. Warranty repairs should be expected.

Airstream may use new and/or re-manufactured parts and/or components of substantially equal quality to complete a repair. Damage to interior or exterior surfaces, trim, upholstery and other appearance items may occur at the factory during assembly, during delivery of the travel trailer to your selling dealer or on the selling dealer's lot. Normally, any damage is detected and corrected at the factory or by the selling dealer during the inspection process.



If you discover any damage when you take delivery of your travel trailer, you **MUST** notify your dealer OR Airstream within 10 days of the date of purchase to have damage repaired at no cost to you. Minor adjustments, such as adjustments to the interior or exterior doors, drawers, latches will be performed at no cost to you by your selling dealer during the first 90 days of warranty coverage; thereafter, such adjustments are your exclusive responsibility as normal maintenance.

## What Is Not Covered

1. Any parts and components warranted by persons or entities other than Airstream. Please refer to the warranties of component manufacturers for terms and conditions of coverage.
2. Any accessory and/or equipment that is working as intended, but with which you are unhappy because of the design.
3. Any part or component of the travel trailer that was not manufactured or installed by Airstream.
4. Normal deterioration due to wear or exposure, including but not limited to upholstery, flooring rust, corrosion, oxidation, and cosmetic blemishes.
5. Normal maintenance and service items, including but not limited to light bulbs, fuses, lubricants, sealants and seals, door adjustments, and awning tension.
6. After-market equipment or accessories installed on the travel trailer after completion of manufacture by Airstream, or any defects or damage caused by such items.
7. Travel trailers not purchased through an authorized dealer of Airstream and travel trailers purchased directly or indirectly through auction, salvage, repossession, or other non-customary sale means.
8. Travel trailers used for any rental, business and commercial purpose. If the travel trailer owner or user files a tax form claiming a business or commercial tax benefit related to the travel trailer, or if the travel trailer is purchased, registered or titled in the name of any business association it shall be irrefutable that the travel trailer has been used for rental, commercial or business purposes.
9. Defects or damage caused by, in whole or in part, or in any way related to:
  - Accidents, misuse (including off-road use), or negligence;
  - Failure to comply with the instructions set forth in any owner's manual provided with the travel trailer;
  - Alteration or modification of the travel trailer except such alterations or modifications approved in writing by Airstream;
  - "Acts of God" or other environmental conditions, such as lightning, hail, salt causing rust, or other chemicals in the atmosphere;
  - De-icing agents or other chemicals applied to the travel trailer;
  - Failure to properly maintain or service the travel trailer, including but not limited to the maintenance of lubricants, sealants, and seals;
  - Condensation and the results of condensation including water damage and the growth of mold or mildew. Mold and mildew are natural growths given certain environmental conditions and are not covered by the terms of this Limited Warranty;
  - Use of the trailer other than for temporary recreation purposes, including but not limited to use of the trailer for residential, commercial, disaster relief, or rental purposes;
  - The addition of weight to the travel trailer that causes the total weight to exceed applicable weight ratings, or addition of weight causing improper distribution of the trailer's weight;
  - Failure to seek and obtain repairs in a timely manner;
  - Failure to use reasonable efforts to mitigate damage caused by defects; failure to properly ventilate the travel trailer; Improper electric power supply or improper travel trailer hookup to other facilities;
  - Acts or omissions of any person or entity other than Airstream. (Note: It shall be concluded that the travel trailer has been used for commercial and/or business purposes if the travel trailer owner or user files a tax form claiming any business or commercial tax benefit related to the travel trailer, or if the travel trailer is purchased, registered or titled in a business name.)

## Obtaining Warranty Service

In order to obtain warranty service under this Limited Warranty, the owner must do all of the following:

1. Owner and dealer representative must complete and return the Customer Performance Checkout within 10 days from delivery of the trailer.
2. Notify Airstream or one of its authorized, independent dealers of any claimed defect within the warranty period or 10 days thereafter.
3. Provide notification of a defect within 10 days of discovery of that defect.
4. Promptly return the travel trailer to an authorized Airstream dealer or Airstream for repairs.



If you believe a defect covered by this Limited Warranty still exists after an attempted repair by an authorized Airstream dealer, you must contact Airstream at the address below, specifying:

1. The complete serial number of the travel trailer
2. The date of original purchase and the date of original delivery
3. The name of the selling dealer, and
4. The nature of the problem and the steps or service which have been performed.

Airstream, Inc.  
428 West Pike Street  
P.O. Box 629  
Jackson Center, Ohio 45334-0629  
Attention: Owner Relations Department

For repairs, Airstream may direct you to an authorized Airstream dealer, or may request that you bring your travel trailer to the Airstream factory in Jackson Center, Ohio.

Airstream does not control the scheduling of repairs at its authorized Airstream dealers, and repairs at the Airstream factory may not be immediately available. Therefore, you may encounter delays in scheduling repairs and/or completion of repairs. All costs associated with transporting the travel trailer for any warranty service shall be the sole responsibility of the owner.

### Events That Discharge Airstream's Obligations

Misuse or neglect, accidents, unauthorized alteration, failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance (see Owner's Manual), damage caused by off road use, collision, fire, theft, vandalism, explosions, overloading in excess of rated capacities, and use of the travel trailer for commercial, business, or rental purposes shall discharge Airstream from any express or implied warranty obligation to repair any resulting defect.

### Airstream Limited Warranty Excludes

#### • Normal Wear

Items such as curtains, upholstery, floor coverings, window, door and vent seals will show wear or may even wear out within the 3-year warranty period, depending upon the amount of usage, weather and atmospheric conditions.

#### • Accident

We strongly urge our dealers and customers to inspect the trailer upon receipt of delivery for any damage caused by accident while being delivered to the dealer, or while it is on the dealer's lot. Damage of this nature becomes the dealer or customer's responsibility upon acceptance of delivery, unless Airstream is notified and the person making the delivery verifies the damage. Glass breakage, whether obviously struck or mysterious, is always accidental and covered by most insurance policies.

#### • Abuse

Lack of customer care and/or improper maintenance will result in early failure for which Airstream cannot be held responsible.

#### • Exposure

Not unlike a car, the steel parts of a trailer can and will rust if subjected to prolonged exposure to moisture, salt air, or corrosive air-borne pollutants without repainting. Aluminum oxidizes when unprotected under similar conditions, and refinery chemicals of a sulfurous nature are harmful to finishes if not washed off periodically. Extremely hot or direct sunlight will deteriorate rubber and fade curtains and upholstery. Conditions of this nature, although they may be normal for the area, are beyond Airstream's control and become the responsibility of the owner.

It is the responsibility of the owner to take such preventative measures as are necessary to maintain the exterior caulking and sealer of your unit. It is the responsibility of the owner to use reasonable, prudent care to prevent foreseeable secondary damage from rain, plumbing leaks, and the natural accumulation of moisture in your unit, such as a delaminated floor; stained upholstery, carpeting, or drapes, mold formation and growth, furniture damage, etc. Mold is a natural growth, given certain environmental conditions, and is not covered by the terms of the Limited Warranty.

#### • Overload

Damage due to loading, either beyond capacity or to cause improper towing because of improper balance, is beyond Airstream's responsibility. The Airstream trailer is engineered to properly handle the gross vehicle load rating on the certification label. Load distribution has a definite effect upon the towing characteristics and attitudes of the trailer. Level hitch installations are a necessity, and very important on a tandem axle trailer. There are limits to the amount of load that can be safely transported, depending upon speed and road conditions, and reasonable cause to believe these factors have been exceeded could void the Airstream warranty. For additional information on the loading of your trailer, consult this Owner's Manual or gross vehicle weight rating plate.

The axle is manufactured to a tolerance of 1-degree camber and 1/8 in. toe-in. These tolerances will only change if the trailer is subjected to abuse, such as dropping off a sharp berm, striking a curb, or hitting a deep hole in the road. Such damage could be considered as resulting from an accident, of which risks are not covered under the warranty. Abnormal tire wear and/or wheel alignment resulting from such damage is not covered under the terms of the warranty.



- **Chemical Gassing**

Chemical gassing is not a "Defect" in your recreational vehicle and is not covered by the Limited Warranty. Please follow the recommendations in this manual to address this concern.

## Service

Before leaving the factory, every vital part of the trailer is tested for performance. Each test is signed and certified by an inspector. After the trailer arrives on your dealer's lot, all vital parts and systems are again tested. When you take delivery of your new trailer, you will receive a complete check out.

At that time, a specified list of performance checks on your trailer equipment will be conducted, and any deficiencies you have experienced since taking delivery will be corrected.

Please contact your dealer if your trailer needs service. Major service under your Airstream Limited Warranty is available through our nationwide network of Airstream Dealer Service Centers. An up-to-date list of Dealer Service Centers will be sent to you with an Owner's Survey shortly after your trailer is delivered. Our web site, [www.airstream.com](http://www.airstream.com) also has a dealer locator on it. This list is current as of the date of this publication.

Occasionally, dealerships change or new dealers are added who may not appear on this list. For this reason, it is suggested that you contact your local dealer from time to time for an updated list. Additional copies are available if you need them. All centers operate on an appointment basis for the utmost efficiency.

When you require service for your trailer from the Airstream Factory Service Center or a Certified Dealer Service Center, please contact the service manager for an appointment and inform him/her if you are unable to keep the appointment date or wish to change it.

Service may be arranged at the Factory Service Center by contacting the Service Coordinator at:

Airstream Factory Service Center  
428 W. Pike Street  
P.O. Box 629  
Jackson Center, Ohio 45334-0629  
937-596-6111 or 877-596-6111

## Reporting Safety Defects

If you believe that your vehicle has a defect which could cause a crash or could cause injury or death, you should immediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in addition to notifying Airstream.

If NHTSA receives similar complaints, it may open an investigation and if it finds that a safety defect exists in a group of vehicles, it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in individual problems between you, your dealer, or Airstream, Inc.

To contact NHTSA, call the Vehicle Safety Hot-line toll-free at either 1-888-327-4236 or 1-800-424-9153; go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov); or write to:

Administrator  
NHTSA  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

You can also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

## Camping

### Suggested Pre-Travel Check List

#### • Interior

1. Turn off water pump switch.
2. Check battery water level.
3. Close windows and vents.
4. Lock all interior cabinet doors.
5. Latch refrigerator door. (Seal containers first)
6. Hold down or stack securely all loose, hard, and sharp objects.
7. Fasten sliding and folding doors.
8. Drain toilet bowl.
9. Turn off interior lights.
10. Stow table in wardrobe storage closet.
11. Lower blinds.
12. Pull up or retract step.
13. Secure and lock main door.

#### • Exterior

1. Disconnect and stow the electrical hookup cord, and the sewer (flush out) and water hookup hoses.
2. Turn off gas at LP tanks.
3. Retract stabilizing jacks.
4. Check hitch for proper attachment.
5. Check safety chains and breakaway switch cable.
6. Fully retract hitch jack. Remove and stow jack stand or blocks.
7. Check clearance and stoplights.
8. Check lug nuts.
9. Check tires for correct pressure.
10. Adjust tow vehicle mirrors.
11. Pull forward about 50', test brakes, and check site for forgotten objects and cleanliness.

#### • Trailer Equipment and Accessories

1. Water hose — 5/8" high pressure, tasteless, odorless, non-toxic (two 25ft sections)
2. Y connection — water hose
3. Sewer hose with clamp
4. Drain cap with hose drain
5. Holding tank cleaner and deodorizer
6. Power cord adapter, 30Amp capacity
7. 30' electric cord, 30Amp capacity
8. Blocks for leveling
9. Wheel chocks
10. Hydraulic jacks
11. Cross-type lug wrench and a torque wrench
12. Quality tire pressure gauge
13. Emergency road warning triangle

#### • Motoring Essentials

1. Display the tow vehicle and trailer registration properly.
2. Carry driver's license.
3. In Canada, bring along a non-residence liability insurance card and your birth certificate.
4. In Mexico, you must have special auto insurance.
5. Carry an extra set of the ignition and truck keys in a separate pocket, or in your wallet.
6. Keep an operating flashlight with fresh batteries in the glove compartment.
7. Pack the trunk so that you can reach the tools and spare tire without completely unpacking.
8. Keep sharp or hard articles securely packed wherever they may be.
9. Do not pack things in the passenger seating area. You will need the maximum space for comfort.
10. Wear easy wash, drip-dry traveling clothes.
11. Do not make your vacation trips a mileage marathon. Stop and relax frequently.
12. Carry a first-aid kit.
13. Carry your pet's dish, food, leash, and health and registration papers.

### Overnight Stop

Airstream owners have parked virtually in every place imaginable, from filling stations to farmlands. In time, you'll develop a knack for spying wonderful little roadside locations by turning off the main highway and exploring.

There are many modern parks, including State, County, and Federal parks with good facilities where you might obtain hookups of electrical and water, plus sewer connections. Directories are published which describe in detail these parks and tell what is available in the way of services and hookups.

On overnight or weekend trips, chances are you will not use up the capacity of the sewage holding tank, deplete the water supply or run down the batteries that supply the 12-volt current. On a longer trip, when you have stayed where sewer connections and utility hookups were not available, it will be necessary for you to stop from time to time to dispose of the waste in the holding tank and replenish the water supply. Many truck stops and gas stations, chain and individually owned, have installed sanitary dumping stations for just this purpose. Booklets are available that list these dumping stations.

When stopping for the night, your Airstream is built to be safely parked in any spot that is relatively level and where the ground is firm. Your facilities are with you. You are self-contained. Unless the tow vehicle is needed for transportation, it is not necessary to unhitch. Choose the most level parking spot possible.

**WARNING**

At each campsite, make sure you have not parked in such a manner as to block the operation of the escape window by being too close to trees, fences or other impediments to egress.

Scenic views are one reason for traveling, but don't park so the beautiful lake or steep cliff is just outside your escape window.

Stabilizing jacks or blocks may not be required for an overnight stay. However, if you put the jack pad on the hitch jack and run the hitch jack down to take the weight off the tow vehicle's springs, it will provide some stability. If you must park on a slope, park facing downhill. It is easier to level the trailer this way.

All you need to do to enjoy the self-contained luxury of your Airstream is to turn on the LPG and switch the trailer's "disconnect" switch to the "On" position.

Before continuing on your trip, check your campsite for cleanliness and to be sure you haven't left anything behind. Turn off the gas supply. Switch the trailer's "disconnect" switch to the "Off" position. Make certain everything is properly stowed. And finally, consult your pre-travel check list.

**Extended Stay**

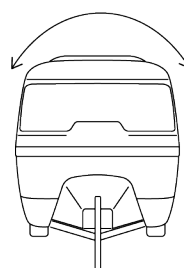
Making a long trip in your Airstream is not very different from making a weekend excursion. Since everything you need is right at hand, you are at home wherever you go. When packing for an extended trip, take everything you need, but only what you need.

When you plan to stay in the same place for several days, weeks or months, you will want your trailer to be as level and steady as possible. Check the attitude with a small spirit level set on the inside work counter or the trailer hitch A-frame (see diagram that follows under Leveling). If a correction is necessary, you must level from side-to-side first. This can be done easily by backing the trailer up onto one or more 2 x 6 boards (see diagram that follows under Leveling). We do not recommend placing tires in a hole for leveling.

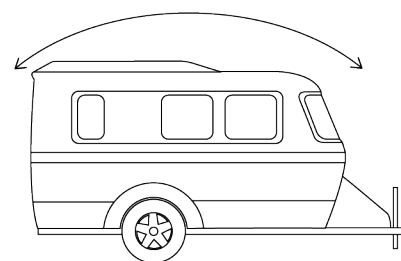
**Leveling**

Level from front to rear: 1) block or chock the wheels to keep the trailer from rolling; 2) place the jack pad or caster wheel under the hitch jack; 3) disconnect the hitch, safety cables, breakaway switch cable and wiring harness from the tow vehicle; 4) adjust the jack up or down until you are level. Then use the stabilizing jacks at all four corners, as shown in the diagram, to eliminate the natural spring action of the axles.

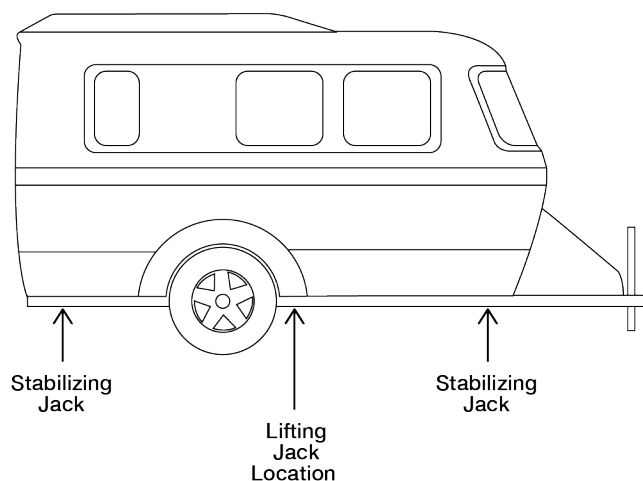
Refer to Section 8 — Maintenance for further information on jacking.



Side-to-Side



Front-to-Rear

**WARNING**

Stabilizing jacks for stabilizing ONLY. Do not use jacks to lift the trailer.

**WARNING**

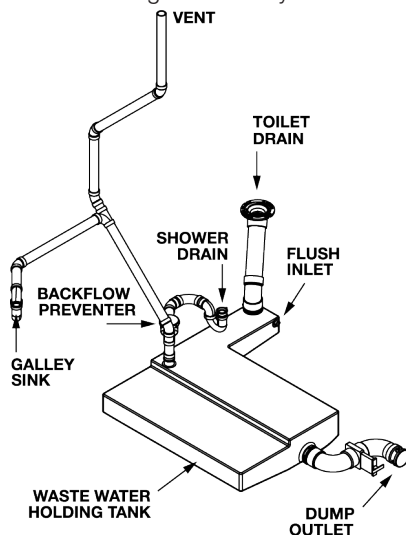
Whenever the trailer must be lifted with a jack, as when changing a tire, always place the lifting jack under the main frame rail. A label is provided to indicate the proper position for the jack. Never use stabilizing jacks to lift the trailer.

## Waste Water System

The main parts of the waste water system are the toilet, waste holding tank, and tank dump valve (See Section 8 — Maintenance for information). The system is designed to provide a complete self-contained waste facility, while on the road or parked, without being connected to a sewage line. It may also be used while connected to a sewage hose.

Keep the dump valve closed with either method and empty the tank when it is nearly full. The idea is to send a large volume of water through the tank and hose at the same time to float solids away.

After the waste tank has been emptied, close the gate valve and put approximately five gallons of water in the waste holding tank. This will help prevent solids from building up in the tank. Adding a deodorizing agent like Aqua-Kem® will help prevent odors.



### CAUTION

It is not safe or recommended to travel with the waste water tank more than 20% full.

## Objects Not to Flush or Drain

- Non-RV compliant or safe toilet paper
- Facial tissue (does not dissolve like RV toilet paper)
- Automotive anti-freeze, ammonia, alcohols, or acetone
- Table scraps or other solids that may clog the drains

## Winter Traveling

Traveling in sub-freezing temperatures will require certain precautions. Whenever possible, keep the cabin heat set to a constant temperature. It is easier to maintain room temperature than force the furnace to frequently fluctuate from cold to room temps.

The furnace on Nest models is ducted to provide heat to the below floor tanks and plumbing to prevent freezing. Some states do not allow LPG to be turned on while moving. While traveling in these states, simply use your common sense. How cold is it? How long will it be before you can turn the heat back on? Is the temperature dropping or rising? Remember, when towing at 50 MPH, the wind chill factor will cause the interior of the trailer to cool much faster than a parked trailer.

When parked in sub-freezing temperatures, make sure to keep a full supply of LPG and plug into a 110-volt power source whenever possible. Leave cabinet doors, wardrobes, and bed doors partially open to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing lines and fixtures. Insulate and/or wrap your exterior water lines with heat tape.



### NOTE

Drain and winterize if the water systems are not being used during winter traveling. Refer to Section 8 — Maintenance in this manual for winterizing instructions.

## Effects Of Prolonged Occupancy

Your trailer was designed primarily for recreational use and short-term occupancy. If you expect to occupy the trailer for an extended period, be prepared to deal with condensation and the humid conditions that may be encountered.

Moisture can condense on the inside surfaces of the trailer during cold weather when relative humidity of the interior air is high. This condition is increased because the insulated walls of a recreation vehicle are much thinner than house walls. Also, the relatively small volume and tight, compact construction of modern recreational vehicles means that the normal living activities of even a few occupants will lead to rapid moisture saturation.

Estimates indicate that a family of four can vaporize up to three gallons of water daily through breathing, cooking, bathing, and washing. Unless the water vapor is carried outside by ventilation or condensed by a dehumidifier, it will condense on the inside of the windows and walls as moisture, or in cold weather, as frost or ice. It may also condense out of sight within the walls or the ceiling where it will manifest itself as warped or stained panels.

Appearance of these conditions may indicate a serious problem. When you recognize the signs of excessive moisture and condensation in the trailer, action should be taken to minimize their effects.



### NOTE

Your trailer is not designed, nor intended, for permanent housing. Long-term or permanent occupancy may lead to premature deterioration of structure, interior finishes, fabrics, carpeting, and drapes. Deterioration due to long-term occupancy may not be considered normal and under terms of the warranty, may constitute misuse, abuse or neglect, therefore reducing the warranty protection.

## Tips To Controlling Condensation

Allow excess moisture to escape to the outside when:

- Bathing, washing dishes, hair drying, etc
- Using appliances and non-vented gas burners
- Cooking (always use the exhaust fan)

Avoid dead air spaces by:

- Using a fan to keep air circulating.
- Leaving closet and cabinet doors partially open.

To help alleviate cold weather condensation:

- Keep the temperature as reasonably cool during cold weather as possible.
- Allow your trailer to breathe; do not make it airtight.
- Allow some warm air to be removed and some cool outside air in.
- Do not allow the furnace to recycle humid interior air, and provide reasonable ventilation.

In hot weather, starting the air conditioner early will help remove excess humidity from the inside air while lowering cabin temperatures.



### NOTE

If using a dehumidifier, read and follow all manufacturer instructions and recommendations regarding the use and cleaning of the dehumidifier.

## Mold

Molds are microscopic organisms that naturally occur in virtually every environment, indoors and out. Outdoors, mold growth is important in the decomposition of plants. Indoors, mold growth is unfavorable. Left unchecked, molds break down natural materials, such as wood products and fabrics. Protect your investment by understanding the potential risks that mold imposes.

### Mold Growth Factors

For mold growth to occur, temperatures, indoor or outdoors, must be between 40° and 100°F, and must also have a source of moisture, such as humidity, standing water, damp materials, etc. Indoors, the most rapid growth occurs with warm and humid conditions.

### Inhibiting Mold Growth

By controlling relative humidity, the growth of mold and mildew can be inhibited. In warm climates, use of the air conditioner will reduce the relative humidity. Vents are located in the bathing and cooking areas. Constant use of these vents is advised during food preparation and bathing, even during colder weather. Additionally, opening a window during these activities will assist in ventilation. In extremely humid conditions, the use of a dehumidifier can be helpful.

Frequent use of your trailer or cleaning regularly, are important preventive measures. Additionally, any spills should be wiped up quickly and dried as soon as possible. Avoid leaving damp items lying about.

On safe surfaces, use mold or mildew-killing cleaning products. Check sealants regularly, and reseal when necessary to avoid water leaks. Proper preventive maintenance to the trailer and its accessories, as described both in this manual and in accompanying literature, will provide the best protection to the trailer.

## Notes

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# Floor Plans/Specifications

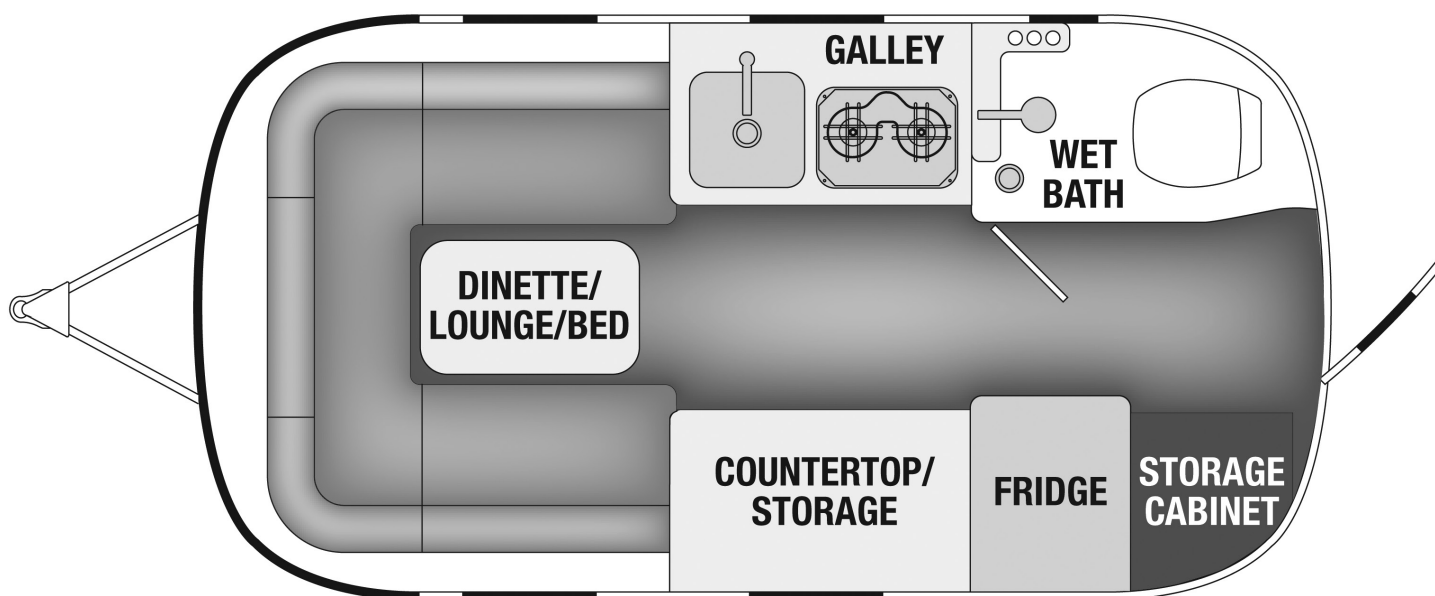
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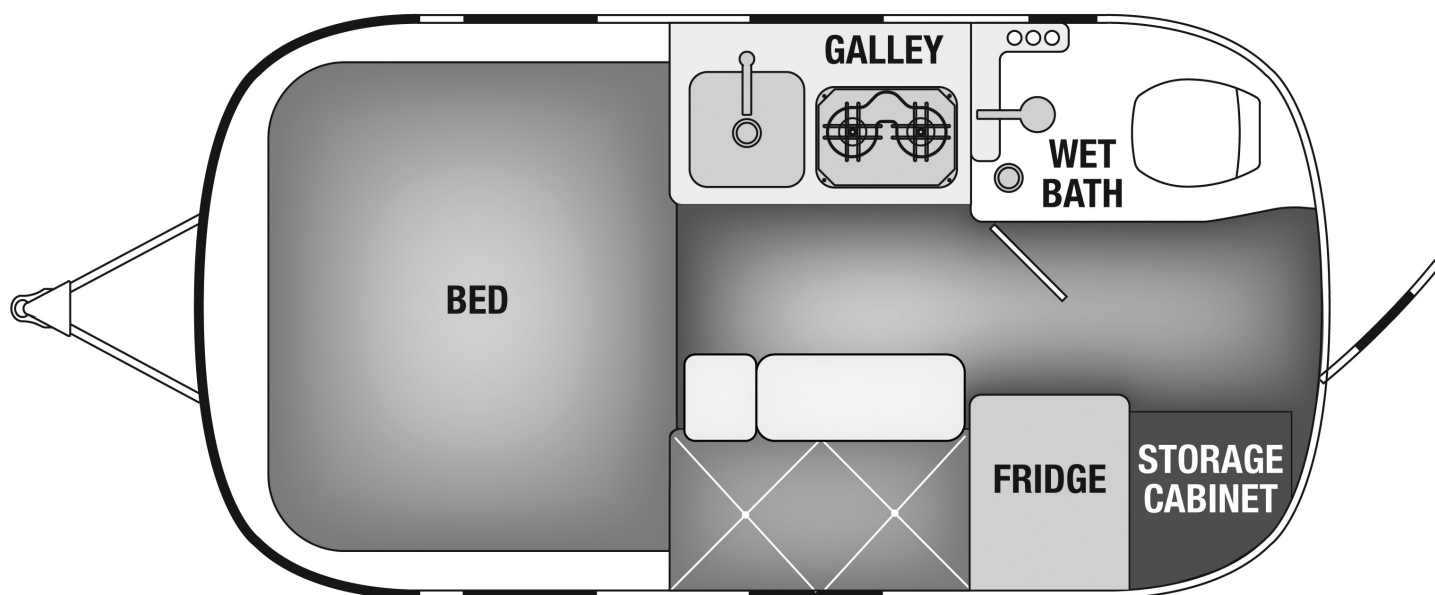
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## Floor Plans

### U-Shape Convertible Dinette/Queen Bed with Side Storage Pantry Cabinet\*



### Full-time Queen Bed with Side Booth/Stowable Table\*



\*Not shown, overhead storage lockers



## Specifications

### Specifications Chart

All weights listed in the Specification Chart are checked and updated throughout the model year. Your production trailer may vary from weights listed.

Model	16' FD	16' FB
Length - Exterior	16' 7"	16' 7"
Width - Exterior	7' 1"	7' 1"
Width-Interior	6' 10"	6' 10"
Height-Ext. w/A/C	9' 6"	9' 6"
Height-Int. w/A/C	6' 6"	6' 6"
Hitch Ball Size	2 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>16</sub> "	2 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>16</sub> "
Hitch Ball Height	14.75"	14.75"
Hitch Weight (with LP & Batteries)	375	375
GVWR (lb)	4000	4000
UBW (lb)	3400	3400
NCC (lb)	600	600
Fresh Water (Gal)	24	24
Black/Gray Water (Gal)	30	30
Aluminum Wheel Torque ft lb	110	110
Steel Wheel Torque ft lb	100	100

The UBW and NCC weights listed in the Specification Chart are for the base unit with LP and batteries included.

Gross Vehicular Weight Rating (GVWR) is the maximum permissible weight of this trailer when fully loaded. It includes all weight at the trailer axle(s) and coupler.

Unit Base Weight (UBW) is the dry weight of the base unit without options.

Net Carrying Capacity (NCC) is equal to GVWR minus UBW Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR), the value specified as the load-carrying capacity of a single axle system as measured at the tire-ground interfaces.

### Specification Tags

For precise cargo capacity, refer to the Cargo-Carrying Capacity tag on the inside of the screen door. The WEIGHT OF CARGO SHOULD NEVER EXCEED numbers shown on the tag, which is the maximum weight of cargo you can load and carry in your specific trailer as built with its options.

Located on the front roadside of your trailer are the Tire and Loading and Vehicle Manufacturing tags.

The Tire and Loading information tag lists the Size and Cold Inflation Pressure of the tires on your vehicle, the weight of your trailer as manufactured and the GVWR.

The Vehicle Manufacturing tag lists the size of tires and wheel rims, Maximum Cold Inflation pressures, the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and Gross Axle ratings (GAWR).

### Hitch Ball Height

The proper height will vary according to the weight you carry and the tires you use. However, checking the height on your trailer is relatively easy:

1. With trailer parked on fairly level ground, measure from ground to bottom of frame, front and rear.
2. Adjust front jack until measurements are equal.
3. Now, measure from ground to the inside top of the ball coupler. This figure is the hitch height. The hitch ball is then usually set 1/2 to 1 in. higher, according to the spring rate of your tow vehicle, to allow for it to settle when the trailer is hitched up.

### Tire Size — Max Cold Inflation

ST235/80R16E — 80psi (Endurance)

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## General Info and Cleaning

The interior of all Airstream trailers has been designed for comfort, convenience, durability, and appearance. How you use it and how you take care of it, naturally, depends on you. However, if you learn to operate the interior components, and take care of them and the trailer properly, this knowledge will add to your pleasure, as well as the long life of your trailer.

### Upholstery

Nest features high-quality “Dolce” cushion fabric by Spradling. This fabric is then finished with Ag Silverguard/Silver Ion Technology to help diminish odor, promote freshness, and extend the life cycle of the product by attacking destructive microorganisms.

However, should the need arise, Airstream recommends that all fabric materials be professionally dry-cleaned.



#### **WARNING**

Keep your furniture and family safe from fires caused by careless smoking. Do not smoke when drowsy. Remove immediately any glowing ash or a lighted cigarette that falls onto furniture. Smoldering smoking material can cause upholstered furniture fires.



#### **NOTE**

Never remove cushion covers for separate dry cleaning or washing. Any tumble cleaning method can destroy the backing, and/or shrink or otherwise damage upholstery fabric.

### Interior Wall Fabric

Nest’s interior walls feature Revolution Performance® fabrics. These can be cleaned by washing with any mild non-abrasive soap or detergent. Do not use a harsh brush. Cleaning should be followed by a thorough clean water rinse. Do not over soak. Allow to dry thoroughly.

### Draperies

Remove the draperies by unsnapping them from the wall, removing a screw or pop rivet from the end of the curtain track, and sliding them out.



#### **NOTE**

All drapery materials and mattress covers must be professionally dry-cleaned.

### Cabinetry

The cabinets are made of a high-pressure laminate and can be cleaned with soap and water, or you can use a common solvent on tough spots. Do not use abrasive cleaners since they could scratch the surface.

### Counters and Tabletops

The counters and tabletops can be cleaned with soap and water or you can use a common solvent on tough spots. Do not use abrasive cleaners since they could scratch the surface. A protective pad or trivet should always be used under hot utensils or pans.

### Sink

Cleaning can be accomplished using a mild liquid detergent on a soft cloth. A complete homeowners’ guide for your sink is supplied in your owner’s packet. Please read these instructions before use.

### Vinyl Flooring

Use a soft broom to sweep the floor. A vacuum cleaner may damage the flooring, especially the type that use beater bars. In most cases, a clean damp cloth or mop will suffice to clean dirty flooring. When necessary, a solution of mild detergent or domestic floor cleaning emulsion can be used to clean the flooring.

Do not use a wire brush or nylon scouring pads, furniture polish, spirit-based polish, powder or liquid abrasive cleaners, or bleach or other strong detergents. Clean scuffs, dirt and spillages as soon as possible.

Rubber backing on doormats may result in yellow discoloration of the floor immediately beneath. Choose a natural fiber mat.

For spirit-based products such as shoe polish, solvents, hair dye, and permanent marker pens wipe up spots and marks as quickly as possible. This also applies to mustard and strongly colored foodstuffs.

Corrosive substances such as acid and alkaline solutions can damage the surface of the floor. Clean up any spills quickly and carefully avoiding direct contact with the substance. Wear protective clothing such as gloves when doing so.

Bitumen/tar from freshly resurfaced or melted roads and pathways, and some inexpensive rubber shoe and slipper soles can cause stains. The above materials are likely to cause damage but are not considered restrictive.

## Wet Bath Shower Stall

To clean your fiberglass shower stall unit, use warm water and one of the stronger liquid detergents. Do not use abrasive cleaners as they may scratch and dull the surface of your unit. Stubborn stains can be removed with solvents such as turpentine or paint thinner. Restore dulled areas by rubbing with an automotive type liquid cleaner, then, put the soft glow back into your unit with a light application of liquid wax.



### CAUTION

Applying wax to the base of the shower floor is not recommended, as this could create an unsafe surface.

## Dinette

On one of two models, the U-shape dinette converts to a bed. Lift the tabletop off the table support post. Remove post and store in wardrobe closet. Drop tabletop between benches and move seat backrests from the perimeter walls onto the table area to complete the conversion. Reverse this process to re-assemble the dinette table.



## Lighting and Switches

Nest features a variety of lighting options inside and outside of the cabin. Lighting over the lounge, galley, side-mounted sofa or pantry, wardrobe and under-bed storage are switched at the fixture. Lighting for the all other light sources are controlled by wall-mounted switches.

The water pump is powered by a switch on the SeeLevel II monitor panel, the water heater is powered by a switch in the control panel area under the refrigerator, and the A/C unit and furnace are both controlled by the thermostat.

## Magic Light Operating Instructions

Additional information is located in your Owner's Packet.

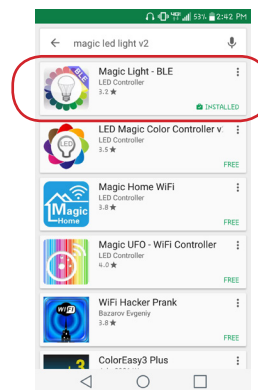
- The Magic Light Switch is located on wall opposite of galley.
- To turn the Magic Light on/off press the power button on the wall switch. The power button will illuminate blue when the power is off.
- To dim or brighten the Magic Light press the up or down button on the wall switch.
- All other features are controlled with the app available on both Android or IOS platforms.



### NOTE

The battery disconnect must be on for power to the wall switch. The power button on the wall switch must be on for functions to operate within the magic light app.

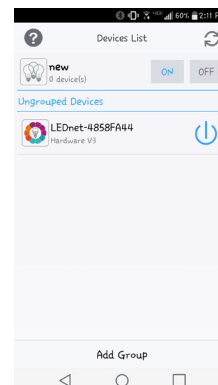
1. **Download App:** Search "Magic Light-BLE" in the App store or "Magic LED Light V2" in the Google Play Store and click install. Depending on your operating system, Android or IOS, your screen layout may differ slightly from the following screenshots.



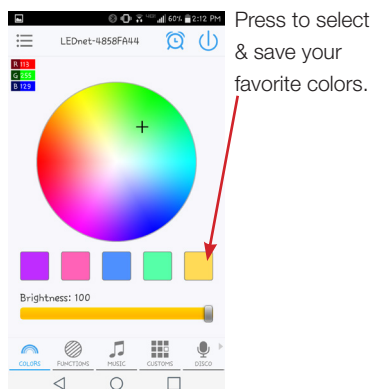
2. **Open App:** Turn on the Bluetooth on your phone or tablet and open the app.



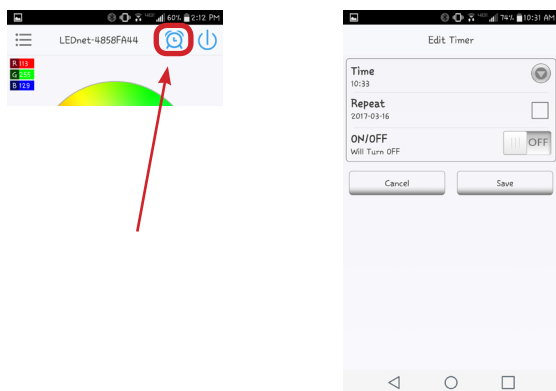
3. **Find Device:** Once you open the app it should automatically connect to the bluetooth controller. If it does not connect right away you may need to turn power off to the wall switch and turn it back on. Clicking on the question mark in the upper left will take you to a help screen.



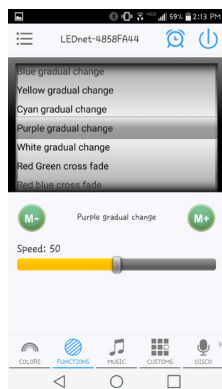
- Color & Brightness:** Click the device you want to control and it will bring up a screen where you can adjust the color and brightness. Color can be adjusted by pushing anywhere on the color wheel and brightness can be adjusted by sliding the yellow bar left or right. If you need to return to the devices list simply press the lines and dots in the upper left.



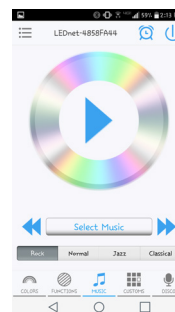
- Timer:** The timer feature allows you to set the lights to turn of or off at a certain time.



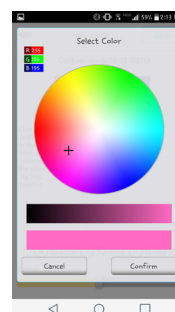
- Function:** There are many effects preloaded on the app from single color fades to multi-color fades. You can also select the speed of the fade by sliding the yellow bar left or right.



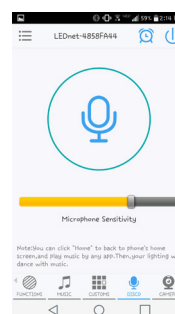
- Music:** The controller has the ability to change the lights to the beat of music. Push the play button and select your desired music. Please note, music must be installed on your phone or tablet, the controller will not work with streaming programs.



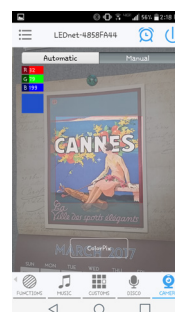
- Custom Effects:** You can customize your effects by selecting the color, jumping, strobe, etc.



- Disco:** If you select the microphone option the lights will change based on the sounds your phone picks up.



- Camera:** Using the camera feature you are able to take a picture of a favorite color and the lights will match that color.



## Storage Tips

Kitchen cabinets should have the heaviest items stored on the bottom and lighter items overhead. After loading, put skillets and canned goods on the floor or bottom shelf, cereals and crackers in the overhead roof locker. Use unbreakable-type plates and saucers and consider storing your dish towels around them.

Clothes hung in wardrobes should be kept on hangers that snap over the clothes rods to keep them from bouncing off on rough roads. Consider plastic bags similar to those of dry cleaning businesses to help protect from dust that will work its way into the trailer.

## Plumbing

### Water System (Self-Contained)

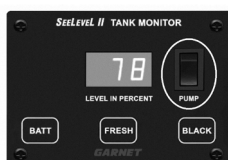
Fill the water tank by connecting a potable water hose to the gravity water fill inlet. (Let the water run through the hose for a short time to flush it out.) Experienced RVers usually fill their tanks with “home” water to avoid strange water that may be distasteful to them. The amount of water in the tank may be checked on the SeeLevel II monitor or you may fill the tank until water overflows out of the fill.

Open the hot side of the galley faucet and turn on the water pump switch located on the monitor panel. (Refer to Appliances — SeeLevel II Monitor Panel in this section.) For some time, the open faucet will only sputter. This is because air is being pushed out through the lines. Once the lines are clear of air, a steady stream of water will flow from the faucet. Now, open a cold faucet. It will sputter for a short time, but will soon expel a steady stream. All other faucets can now be opened until all air is expelled. Once the system is filled with water and the faucets closed, the water pump will shut off.

When a faucet is opened, the pump will come back on automatically. If the faucet is just barely open, it is normal for the pump to cycle on and off rapidly.

### Water Pump

The water pump switch found on the SeeLevel II monitor panel operates the pump. Once the switch is turned on, the pump will run until the water pressure reaches about 50 PSI. At this point, an internal pressure switch will shut it off. When a faucet is opened, the water pressure will drop and the pump will start to run again.



The water pump should be turned off while using a city water hookup. However, because water pressure at some campgrounds may be low the water pump may be turned on to assist the pressure. Be sure there is some water in the fresh water tank. The pump will use water in the tank to bring the pressure up to the usual standard of 50 PSI.

Access to the water pump will be necessary for periodic cleaning of the debris strainer screen. Refer to Section 8 — Maintenance for water pump access and strainer screen removal.

### Fresh Water Drain Valves

Fresh water drain valves consist of low point water line drain valves and fresh water tank drain valves. The valves are in-line or petcock-type valves. Refer to Section 8 — Maintenance for necessary drain valve locations and draining procedures of fresh water lines and tanks.

### Drain and Waste System

Your trailer has a drain and waste system that includes a combined black/gray waste-holding tank made from corrosion-free molded plastic with trouble-free dump valves. Therefore, only one sewer hose connection is needed when hooking up to a dump station.

Almost all campgrounds will have dumping facilities. Park directories, such as Woodalls and Rand McNally, also list dumping stations. Refer to Section 8 — Maintenance for important information on waste water tank draining, cleaning and rinsing procedures.

Check your systems monitor frequently (see Appliances in this section). When the waste water holding tank is completely full, sewage may back up into the pipes and cause an unpleasant cleaning job. Never drain the tanks at any place other than an approved dumping station.



#### NOTE

Never put wet strength paper towels or tissues in your holding tank since they will not dissolve and can catch in the mechanism of the dump valve. Colored toilet tissue is slower to dissolve than white. Most RV-accessory stores offer tissue designed to completely dissolve.



## Toilet

The RV toilet in your Nest is a design that has been used for many years. One pedal is used to open and close the slide mechanism, as well as, open the water valve.

In normal use, depressing the pedal dumps the sewage and fresh water flushes down the side of the bowl. Water will continue to run into the bowl for a short time after the pedal is released.

When you wish to conserve water hold the toilet hand-spray head over the bowl and hold down the thumb-operated lever. When depressing the pedal, all the water is routed through the hand-spray.



### NOTE

When you dump the contents of the toilet bowl make sure all paper and solids have cleared the slide mechanism before you allow it to close. Failure to do so can cause the groove for the slide to become jammed and the slide will no longer close completely. Please see the toilet user manual for warranty and user tips, and maintenance information.

## Deodorizers

There are many deodorizers on the market in tablet, liquid and powder form. These not only combat odor, but also stimulate the bacteria that works to dissolve the solids in your tank.



### Galley Faucet Cleaning and Care

All that is needed to clean your faucet is a soft, damp cloth. Airstream does not recommend the use of scour pads, cleansers or chemicals. The abrasive nature of these substances could damage the faucet's finish. A non-abrasive car wax will help to protect the finish.

## Wet Bath Shower Wand

The shower wand is designed to give maximum flexibility in usage and provides for water-saving techniques when using your trailer on self-containment.

It can be held in the hand and moved about the body. Normally, the best water conservation procedure is to wet the entire body and then turn the water off. Apply soap, lather thoroughly and then rinse.



## Electrical

### Battery/12-Volt System Information

The major portion of electrical power in your Nest is 12-Volt. The 12-Volt current powers all gas appliances for controls and/or ignition as well as lighting.

All 12-Volt current comes through the battery system in the front of your trailer. Two batteries are accessible in the nose cone storage box on the A-frame of your trailer. Power from the batteries goes to a set of four Type 2 thermal breakers located under the front bed. The breakers are tied together by a brass bus bar. One breaker (30amp) protects the 12-Volt tow vehicle charge line coming from the 7-way cord. Another breaker (20amp) feeds the trailer brakes breakaway switch located near the hitch coupler. A 50amp breaker feeds the battery disconnect relay. The current leaves the relay and travels to the 12-Volt distribution panel located in the converter, and then to the rest of the trailer.

A 12-Volt layout diagram is shown in Section 8 — Maintenance.



### Battery Disconnect Switch

The battery disconnect switch is used to separate the batteries from the 12-Volt distribution panel and converter charging system.



When the switch is turned to ON and the trailer is plugged into an external power source, the 12-Volt distribution panel will receive power from the converter and the batteries will be charged through the converter charging system.

When the switch is turned to OFF and the trailer is plugged into an external power source, the 12-Volt distribution panel will still receive power from the converter, but the batteries are disconnected from the system. The batteries will not be drained with the switch in the OFF position. The converter will not charge the batteries with the switch in this position.

The charge in the 12-Volt batteries is replenished, when towing, from the tow vehicle alternator through the 7-way cord. This charge will flow to the batteries regardless of the battery disconnect switch position.



## Converter Power Center

*(12-Volt/120-Volt Distribution)*

The converter transforms 120-Volt AC into 12-Volt DC. The converter/charging system is the interior low voltage electrical system that enables you to use the interior lights, fans, pumps, and 12-Volt

appliances, whether operating on self-contained battery power or 120-Volt shore power. The 12-Volt LEDs give off the same light as regular household bulbs, so that when operating on

self-contained battery power, everything works normally except the 120-Volt convenience outlets and 120-Volt appliances.

The converter system is designed to maintain constant output voltages regardless of the variances that occur in shore power systems.



The converter is energized only when the trailer is hooked up to an external power source. To test the converter, observe the following:

- Confirm 120-Volt power is going into converter.
- Disconnect the 12+ wire from the master switch.
- Using a voltmeter, check voltage output between heavy gauge positive and negative wires coming out of converter.
- The voltage should be within 13.8 and 14.0 volts. (The tester meter should be calibrated periodically.)
- If converter is not within these voltages, have it serviced by a qualified technician or replace it.

One of these wires is not spliced onto a wire of the same color. It is the backup wire that is yellow in the cable and black in the harness. A label on the inside of the converter door lists the circuits and what each fuse powers.

If you replace a blown fuse and it immediately blows again, do not replace the fuse again until a qualified service technician can correct the problem. Refer to Section 8 — Maintenance for important battery information.

The power converter is neither weather resistant nor designed for installation in wet locations. The power converter must be protected from direct contact with water.

## 12-Volt Power Circuits

The current in the converter system is 12 Volts Direct Current (12VDC) negative grounded. Power sources that supply 12VDC current to the system are:

- Main charge line from tow vehicle
- Trailer batteries
- Converter

The power sources listed above are all electrically connected to the 12-Volt distribution fuse panel that distributes current to interior branch circuits. The circuits provide power to operate all 12-Volt DC lights, pumps, motors, and appliances.

Power converter is a solid-state electronic power supply and is maintenance-free. It is self-sufficient and very quiet. If any 12-Volt appliance fails to operate, first check your 12-Volt distribution fuse block, located behind the decorative front door in the front right-hand corner of the converter and inspect all fuses. If a fuse is opened or blown, replace it with the same size fuse (never install a larger fuse). If the fuse opens again, have an electrician or certified RV technician locate the circuit trouble. Replace blown fuses only with the same type and amperage size previously used.

If the power converter is not working, first confirm the RV supply or shoreline cord is plugged into a live circuit. Then check all the 120-Volt breakers in your RV distribution panel to make sure they are on. If the breaker is tripped, follow instructions to reset the breakers. If the breaker trips again, consult an electrician or certified RV technician.

## Converter Operation

The electronic power converter is designed to supply the nominal 12-Volt-filtered DC power for all 12-Volt operated devices encountered in RV service. Although the converter is an excellent battery charger, the converter does not require a battery to be connected to it for proper operation.



### NOTE

When installing a battery (s), always observe polarity. Connecting a battery in reverse polarity will blow the power converter main fuses located on the 12-Volt DC distribution fuse block.

## 120-Volt AC Panel Board

The AC panel board section contains the 120 VAC branch circuit breakers for your RV. One of the breakers controls the 120-Volt power to the 12-Volt converter section. This breaker may also control another branch circuit. Check the label next to each breaker for what each branch circuit breaker controls.

The 120-Volt circuits may be turned on by setting their breaker handle up to the ON position, or off by setting the handle down to the OFF position. To reset the tripped breaker, move handle to OFF then ON.

The system incorporates a GFCI breaker that implements an auto self-test functionality. When turned off, this breaker requires external AC power to be present before they can be turned back on. If AC power is present and the breaker refuses to stay on consult an electrician or certified RV technician.

## Fuses and Breakers

### • Breakers

The distribution panel was designed to use a 30amp 120-Volt main breaker with branch circuits. Double breakers may be used for the branch circuits. Should a breaker become faulty, replace with the same type breaker only. Use only approved 120-Volt circuit breakers and 12V fuses.



### NOTE

When replacing circuit breakers, be sure to replace with the same type and rating as the original.

### • 12 VDC Fuses

Each 12 VDC circuit in the distribution panel was designed for a maximum 20 amp automotive style fuse. Should one need to be replaced, be sure to replace it with the same type and amp rating as originally supplied. Replacing it with either a higher or lower amp fuse could result in the panel not functioning properly.

### • REVERSE Polarity Fuses

The converter is equipped with reverse polarity fuses. Should these fuses “blow” either during the manufacturing process or while connecting the battery, replace with the same type and rating fuse as originally provided.

## Automatic Micro-Controller Operation

The power converters 3-stage switch mode is fully automatic. The converter senses which mode it needs to be in by checking the condition of the battery. The three modes include:

- **Absorption Mode:** During this mode the converter output is in the 13.6 VDC range. This is the normal converter function mode. This mode provides the 12 VDC and the current required by the trailer.
- **Bulk Mode:** In this mode, the output voltage of the converter will switch to 14.4 VDC range for a maximum of four hours. If the converter cycles between “Absorption and Bulk modes”, there could be a shorted battery cell or other issues.
- **Float Mode:** If the trailer has not been used for a period of time and the shore power has been left plugged in, the converter will automatically go into float mode with a voltage of 13.2. When the converter senses a demand, by turning on lights, the converter automatically returns to absorption mode.

## 120-Volt Electrical System

### • Shore Power

When your trailer is hooked up to external AC power, the converter system automatically charges the trailer batteries with the battery disconnect switch in the ON position and, if the 7-pin wiring harness is hooked up and depending on your vehicle, your tow vehicle battery as well. The speed and degree of charge depends on how much power is used for lights and appliances as only the surplus goes to charging the battery. If you are making an extended stay, then you should keep your trailer hooked up to a 120-Volt current, if it is available.

While you are connected to external AC power, the wiring is protected by circuit breakers in the breaker panel. The circuit breaker panel for the 120-Volt system is located in the converter. In the event of a failure of a 120-Volt circuit, first check your trailer circuit breakers and the breaker for the outlet into which your trailer shoreline cord is plugged. If a breaker continues to trip after you have reset it several times, your circuit may be overloaded with appliances or there may be a short in the circuit. Try lessening the load on the circuit. If that does not solve the problem, consult an Airstream Service Center.

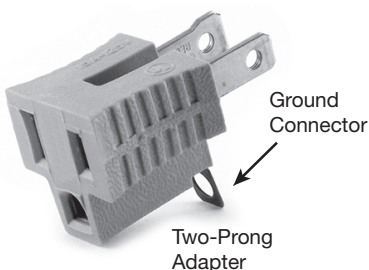
The 120-Volt electrical system provides power to operate the air conditioner, microwave, converter, and 120-Volt receptacles for portable appliances. The power is carried through the 120-Volt city power flexible cord to the 120-Volt distribution panel and then is distributed to each appliance or receptacle. All wire, components and wiring methods conform to federal and state requirements.

## • Converter

The converter system is a transformer designed to maintain constant output voltages regardless of the variances that occur in shore power systems. The design eliminates the need for complex electronic sensing systems to charge the batteries, minimizing the possibility of failures and greatly increasing its overall reliability.

In some older parks and other locations where three pronged outlets are not available, certain precautions to ensure proper grounding and polarity must be taken. These precautions are listed below:

1. Attach the three-pronged plug to a two-pronged adapter. The third (ground) conductor line of this adapter has a short lead connector. This must be grounded.
2. For proper grounding, connect the short ground lead to a grounded outlet box or to a cold water pipe. When no water pipe is available, drive a metal rod two feet into the ground and attach the ground lug to it, thus, providing the unit with proper grounding.



To operate self-contained, simply disconnect the power supply cable.



### NOTE

When the three-pronged plug can be used, there will be no problems with proper polarity or grounding with a properly wired shore outlet.



### NOTE

When operating with shore power, make very certain that the connected service is 120-Volt and NOT 240-volt.

## • Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI)

Nest features 120VAC power receptacles throughout the trailer that all share the same GFCI protected circuit. The GFCI circuit breaker provides reliable overload and short-circuit protection, plus protection from ground faults that may result from contact with a HOT load wire and ground.



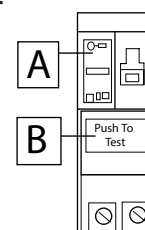
### WARNING

The GFCI circuit breaker will NOT reduce shock hazard if contact is made between a HOT load wire and a neutral wire or two HOT load wires.

The GFCI circuit breaker is calibrated to trip with a ground current of 5 milliamperes or more. Since most persons can feel as little as 2 milliamperes, a distinct shock may be felt if the need for protection exists. The shock should be of such short duration that the effects would be less than a normally dangerous level. However, persons with acute heart problems or other conditions that can make a person particularly susceptible to electric shock may still be seriously injured.

While the GFCI circuit breaker affords a high degree of protection, there is no substitute for the knowledge that electricity can be dangerous when carelessly handled or used without reasonable caution.

## • GFCI Breaker Test



1. With handle A in "ON" position, press PUSH TO TEST button B.
2. Handle A should move to TRIP position, indicating that GFCI breaker has opened the circuit.
3. To restore power move handle A to "OFF" and then to "ON"



### NOTE

All Nest 120-Volt outlets are on a single circuit and protected by a single GFCI circuit breaker.

## Solar Capable

Nest trailers are equipped to accept power from solar panels and come pre-wired with a Zamp Solar® "quick connect" plug-in fitting on the trailer frame just below the nose cone storage box in front. A variety of Zamp Solar kits are available from your dealer and third-party vendors. Refer to Section 8 — Maintenance for Solar Panel Wiring diagram and information.

## Television and Internet

Should you choose to install an aftermarket TV receiver or modem, Nest trailers come pre-wired with coax cabling ready for hook-up to cable or satellite television and/or Internet service. Please refer to your dealer for more information. The outside service hook-ups terminate inside at the pantry cabinet below the roadside upper storage locker.



## Appliances

All appliances are delivered to Airstream Inc. with in-depth owner's manuals. Those manuals are included in the delivery case supplied by your dealer. The manuals may contain warnings, cautions and instruction that should be read and followed before operating the appliances.

The information contained in the appliances manuals supersedes any information contained in the Nest Owner's Manual on appliances. If you believe contradictory information on appliances is contained in this manual, or if any appliance manual has not been provided with your trailer, contact your dealer, the respective appliance manufacturer or Airstream Customer Service at 937-596-6111. Or you may send mail to:

Airstream Factory Service Center  
428 W. Pike Street  
P.O. Box 629  
Jackson Center, OH 45334-0629

## Maintenance

Follow the instructions and warnings noted in the respective appliance and equipment owner's manuals, as well as those mentioned below.

Annual maintenance should be conducted on propane gas appliances and equipment by an authorized dealer or repair facility.

Insects can build nests in the burners of various appliances and equipment. The burner and burner orifice of the propane gas appliances and equipment should be cleaned out by an authorized dealer or repair facility any- time circumstances or conditions warrant, but no less than on an annual basis.



### **WARNING**

Most LPG appliances used in recreational vehicles are vented to the outside of the vehicle. When parked close to a gasoline pump, it is possible that gasoline fumes could enter this type of appliance and ignite from the burner flame, CAUSING A FIRE OR EXPLOSION.



### **WARNING**

For additional Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) safety and warning information, refer to Section 2 — Safety and Section 6 — Exterior of this manual

## Air Conditioner

The roof air conditioner used on Nest trailers is one of the most popular on the market today. In your owner's packet is a set of literature covering all operating and maintenance instructions. If the literature is misplaced, contact the air conditioner manufacturer or your Airstream dealer for replacement.



Proper voltage to the air conditioner is critical. A voltmeter check may find voltage much lower at a campground shoreline outlet than the needed 110 to 120 volts. Your air conditioner may not function if the current drops below 105 volts. Low voltage is usually associated with older or poorly maintained trailer parks.

If high temperatures are expected, make an effort to park in a shaded area. Starting the air conditioner early in the morning also helps. It is more efficient to hold a comfortable temperature than it is to lower the temperature after the interior of the trailer is already hot.

Never run your air conditioner with the vents closed. Doing so could cause the air conditioner to freeze and may damage to the unit. The manufacturer recommends having at least three vents open when running to prevent any chance of freezing up.

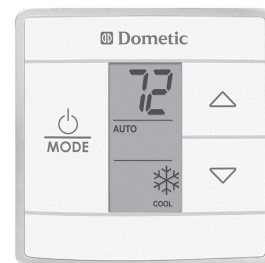


### **NOTE**

Review the air conditioning literature supplied in your owner's packet before proceeding

## Thermostat

The thermostat controls both the air conditioner and the furnace. For details regarding the operation of the thermostat, follow the instructions provided in your Owner's Packet.



## Exhaust Fans

### • Wet Bath Vent/Fan

In the bathrooms round ventilators are used and are opened by pushing straight up on the crossbar handle and pressing the red switch to engage the fan motor.



### • High Volume Roof Vent

The high-volume roof vent system is designed to quickly exhaust stale, hot air and draw in fresh air. It is great to use when the outside temperature does not call for air conditioning, but heat has built up in your trailer.

The core of the system is a powerful rotary fan that works with a slightly open window to create a balanced airflow. It is designed for maximum air exchange, minimum sound levels and power consumption. Fresh, clean, natural air is pulled in. Hot, stale, stuffy air is pushed out.



#### NOTE

Never cover the ceiling fans. This will greatly restrict airflow and increase sound levels.

### • Operation

1. Open dome approximately 3 in. or more (ceiling fan has a built-in safety switch that will not allow motor to operate unless dome is partially open).
2. Turn 3-speed knob to desired performance level (3-Low, 2-Medium, 1-High, O-Off).
3. Open window(s) or door for airflow.

The source of airflow is determined by the number of window(s) or door opened. For best results, close all roof vents and open one window that is the greatest distance from the ceiling fan.

### • Cleaning

1. Turn fan motor off.
2. Remove the screen insert.
3. Clean screen with soap and water solution, dab dry with a soft cloth and reinstall.



#### CAUTION

This product has been manufactured using prime UV stabilized polymers for maximum toughness and durability. However, the use of non-compatible chemicals will cause cracking and product failure. Please refer to the user's manual provided in your owner's packet for more information.

## Furnace

The manufacturer of the furnace in your trailer has been well known in the RV industry for many years. The furnace burns LP gas and is powered by 12-Volt current from the batteries or power converter when plugged into shore power. Operating instructions are located in your owner's packet. If they should become misplaced, new literature can be ordered direct from the manufacturer or your Airstream dealer. The manufacturer also offers a detailed service guide for your furnace.



#### WARNING

Carefully read all the manufacturer's instructions prior to operating. NEVER store flammable material next to the furnace or in close proximity to the furnace exhaust outlet on the side of the trailer.



#### NOTE

If any warranty service is required on your furnace, use only a service location recommended by the manufacturer or your Airstream dealer.

## Water Heater

Nest features an "on demand" tankless water heater. With no storage tank to heat water, this heater reduces weight and increases efficiency by only operating when the need for hot water arises.

The water heater uses a 60,000 BTU 2-Stage modulating combustion system which instantaneously adjusts the LP gas input to provide consistent and endless comfort regardless of your hot water needs.

The Nest water heater also comes standard with a freeze protection mechanism and state-of-the-art, 3-Try Direct Spark Ignition for safe and reliable operation.



#### NOTE

Review the water heater literature supplied in your owner's packet before proceeding with operation.





## Cooktop

There is very little difference between the operation of home gas cooktops and that of your trailer's. If, however, you are used to an electric cooktop, operating confidence can be had by reading the manufacturer's directions provided in the owner's packet. Manufacturer's service and parts manuals are also available.



### WARNING

An operation manual for the cooktop has been provided with your owner's packet. If one cannot be found, contact the manufacturer to obtain another. Their manual contains specialized warnings and cautions that should be reviewed prior to you operating the appliance.

## Refrigerator

The Nest refrigerator is all-electric and features a strong 12V compressor, which results in a powerful cooling performance. No LPG is required. The ventilation is integrated which also means that outside vents are also not required.

The Nest refrigerator has a very quiet compressor. The standard noise level reaches 32 dB(A). If you want to reduce the noise level further, you can activate the night mode, which drops the noise level an extra three decibel to 29 dB(A).

The interior features a design containing two vegetable bins, food retainers to keep your food in place while driving, and bottle retainers in the door bins.

Even in storage, prevent moisture, mold and unpleasant odors in the refrigerator by holding the door open. Use the sliding latch at the top of the door to keep door open. Remember to keep the freezer door open too.

Review all refrigerator literature supplied in your owner's packet or stored in the refrigerator prior to operating.



### CAUTION

When driving, make sure the refrigerator door is locked. For an additional lock, slide the black latch over the pin at the bottom of the door.

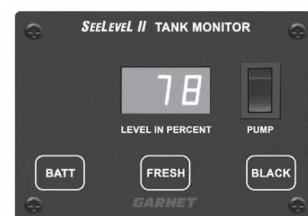
## Microwave Oven

The Nest galley comes equipped with a microwave oven. This appliance requires a 120-Volt shore power hook-up. Refer to the Certified Performance Checkout sheet, included in your owner's packet, for manufacturer, model, and serial number information.

## SeeLevel II Monitor Panel

The monitor provides immediate details regarding the status of your battery system and water holding tanks, and is the only system component that is accessed by the user. All user input to the monitor is done using the three buttons along the bottom of the display.

The display receives the information from the three sender pads via a single, two-conductor wire, and displays the level information in percent of full on a three-digit, LED display.



When the front panel button for a particular tank is pressed, the display powers up and displays the level for that tank. If the button is pressed and released, the display will show the level for about 5 seconds and then shuts down automatically. If another button is pressed before the display shuts down, then the new level will immediately be shown. If the same button is pressed twice, the display will hold on that tank and continue to show updated levels for 5 minutes before shutting off. This allows the user to monitor the filling or draining of the tank. By pressing two buttons at once, the diagnostic functions can be accessed.

Sender pads are installed onto the sides of the holding tanks. The sender pads scan the water levels through the tank walls using digital techniques programmed into the sender microprocessor. They also auto calibrate to read from empty to full.

### To Read a Fresh Water or Waste Water Tank Level

1. Press the button corresponding to the tank to be checked and release it. The display will show the levels in percent on the LED display. If no other button is pressed, the display shuts off after about five seconds.
2. If another button (including BATT) is pressed before the five second time is up for the initial button, the display will switch to show the new level or voltage. The five second time-out is restarted every time a button is pressed.

3. To continuously display a reading, press and release the desired button and then press the same button a second time. When the button is released, the display will be on hold mode, which is indicated by the decimal point on the right hand side turning on. While the display is in the hold mode it will recheck the level once per second so the user can watch the level change while the tank is being filled or drained. The display will automatically shut off after five minutes in hold mode. To end the hold mode before the five minutes is up, press any tank button and the display will shut off.

#### *To Read the Battery Voltage*

1. Press the BATT button and release it. The display will show the battery voltage on the LED display.
2. If no other button is pressed, then the display will shut down after about five seconds. If the BATT button is held down, the display will continuously recheck the voltage and show the updated value. The reading may flicker back and forth between two values.
3. If another button is pressed before the five second time is up for the BATT button, the display will immediately switch to show the value for the new button. The five second time-out is restarted every time a button is pressed.
4. There is no hold mode for the battery voltage.

#### *To Program the LED Brightness*

1. The display needs to enter the brightness programming mode. To do this, press and hold the BATT button; the display will show the battery voltage.
2. While continuing to hold the BATT button, press and hold the BLACK button. Continue to hold both buttons for approximately five seconds until the display shows "bri" to indicate the brightness programming mode. When this occurs, release both buttons.
3. Press the BLACK tank button to increase brightness, or the FRESH tank button to decrease brightness
4. When the display shows the correct brightness, press the BATT button to exit the programming.



#### **NOTE**

Professional and qualified technicians are required to properly install replacement sender pads for correct monitor operation.

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# Exterior

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## Cleaning

### Shell Body Maintenance

Normal maintenance of your gel coated Nest is similar to the care you would give your automobile. Overall, automotive cleaners and waxes work fine.



#### NOTE

Do not use caustic or highly alkaline (high pH) cleaners or those containing ammonia. These type of cleaners may darken white or off-white weathered gel coat surfaces.

- **Cleaning**

We recommend general washing to avoid soil build-up and staining. The soil on your gel coat finish is the result of regular use and environmental pollutants such as soot and smog. Periodic cleaning with a mild detergent is necessary to remove normal deposits of soil.

- **Waxing**

From constant exposure over time to our natural environment and undesired pollutants, the gel coat begins to lose its gloss. To restore your finish to the original gloss and color requires your special attention. After washing with a mild soap or detergent give the surface a good polishing with a self-cleaning marine or automotive wax. Waxing in the fall and spring is generally recommended to maintain and restore most of the original gloss. If the surface has not been maintained and has weathered badly, and if cleaning and waxing does not restore the finish satisfactorily, compounding will be required.

- **Compounding**

Polishing compound (fine abrasive) or rubbing compound (coarser abrasive) is recommended for use on RVs to remove scratches, stains, or a severely weathered surface. Polishing or rubbing compound can be applied by hand or by mechanical means, such as an electric or pneumatic buffer. After the scratched, stained or weathered surface has been removed, it should be waxed to enhance the gloss and color while providing a seal to retard staining or new soil accumulation.

- **Discoloration Removal**

Your local fiberglass repair shop is best equipped and trained to do this work. If regular washing and waxing has been neglected, discoloration of the gel coated fiberglass surface may occur. Discolored areas are very shallow in depth, literally right on the surface.

The discoloration may be removed by gently wet-sanding the affected areas only by using 600 grit, specially treated waterproof sandpaper. It's important to always sand in one direction, this includes the curves too. Use water to cool and clean the sandpaper and cut back on dust.

After you are finished sanding, dry the areas and verify all the discoloration has been removed. If not, repeat the process. After sanding, buff the area using an electrical or pneumatic buffer at low speed (1750 rpm – 2250 rpm) with a generous amount of rubbing compound on a soft wool pad. This will restore the luster to the sanded surface. When buffing has been completed, wash off the rubbing compound with clean water, and dry the surface.

To restore the gloss to the affected area, use a high-grade marine or automotive wax.

- **Repairs**

During the life of your RV, some damage to the gel coat surface is unavoidable. We recommend repairs be done only by trained, experienced professionals at your local fiberglass repair shop.

- **Refinishing**

For a severely scratched or weathered fiberglass RV that is no longer restorable by using the previous methods, it may then be necessary to refinish it with two-package or two-part aliphatic urethane enamel. This can be done very effectively, but its recommended refinishing should only be done by experienced professionals.

- **Caulking and Sealants**

It is recommended that the caulking and sealant used in external seams and joints, such as rear-shell segment, around window frames, light bezels, etc., be checked once a year. If this material has dried out and become cracked, checked or if a portion has fallen out, it should be replaced with fresh material to prevent possible water leaks. Caulking and sealing products are available from your Airstream dealer.



#### NOTE

To keep your Nest looking new, paint the A-frame, LPG tanks, and rear frame periodically.

## Windows

Clean your trailer windows the same way you clean the windows in your home. Clean the seals with a damp cloth and mild detergent every three to six months. Do not use strong solvents, as they will damage the seals. A coat of natural silicone lubricant applied after the seal has dried will keep it flexible. Spread the lubricant evenly with a brush or finger, working it into the surface. This is a good practice for all rubber seals in your trailer.



### WARNING

Failure to properly clean and lubricate the window seals could result in the window sticking to the jamb. Window seals that become stuck to the window jamb should be released by a qualified technician trained in the procedure. Do not force, pry or apply great pressure to open the window. Failure to heed this warning may cause the window to shatter and/or cause personal injury.

For replacement of a damaged window, contact an Airstream Service Center.

## Aluminum Wheels

The aluminum wheels and axle end cover come treated with a clear-coating. Keep them looking good by washing with soap and water. Do not use abrasive cleaners or polishes on coated aluminum wheels.

## General Info and Operation

### Entry Step

To operate the step, lift up on the front of the step and pull straight out until step locks into place.



### CAUTION

Once the step is lowered, press down to ensure that it is secure in the "locked" position. Never travel with step lowered or extended.

## Main Door

The main door of the trailer is manufactured with a built-in, keyed dead bolt and door lock. The dead bolt is engaged from the inside by a lever or keyed from the outside. The door lock is engaged by using key through the outside mechanism.

A main door hold-back is mounted on the trailer's chassis behind the door. The hold-back secures the door to help prevent it from closing inadvertently.

For lubrication and out-of-adjustment issues, refer to Section 8 — Maintenance.



### CAUTION

When towing, the door lock and dead bolt must be secured. If it is not locked, the constant vibration of travel may cause the door to open resulting in possible damage.

## Screen Door

The screen door is secured inside the main door and can be operated by pulling the screen from its storage frame across the doorway to magnetically latch.

## Emergency Escape Window

The escape window is identified by its RED release handle. In case of emergency:

1. Remove bug screen from window frame
2. Depress RED-tipped window handle to release from latch, then pull straight
3. Push handle through frame, thus allowing window to swing free; then climb to safety.



## Awning

Complete operating instructions have been provided with your awning. Make sure your traveling companion is familiar with the operation of the awning.

The awning's primary function is sun protection. Therefore, roll up your awning in case of heavy rain, wind or snow. To prevent water buildup on the awning during a light rain, position one upper arm lower than the other to create enough of a slope for adequate water runoff.



### NOTE

If wind or extended periods of rain are expected, roll up the awning and secure in traveling position.



### CAUTION

The effects of wind and rain on any awning are unpredictable. Severe damage to the trailer and/or the awning may result and cannot be covered by warranty.

## Exterior/Transom Shower

Nest is equipped with an outside shower. This fixture consists of a shower hose, shower head and hot/cold water valves inside a lockable exterior door. Water is supplied by the pump or city water hookup.

## City Water Hook-up

The city water hookup is located on the road-side of the trailer. For consistent water flow and to protect your lines and faucets from extremely high pressures on some city water systems, your trailer has a built-in, 50 PSI pressure regulator.



The city water inlet is a standard garden hose thread. Use a taste-free, odorless and non-toxic high-pressure hose of at least 1/2 in. diameter designed for RV use. We suggest you carry two lengths of hose in order to reach hookups farther away than normal.



After hooking up the hose and turning on the city water valve provided in the park, slowly open a faucet. There will be a lot of spurts and sputtering until all the air is expelled from the trailer system. Once a steady flow is achieved at one faucet the others should be opened long enough to expel the air in the lines going to them.



## Shore Power Supply

The 120VAC shore power hook-up is located on the road-side of the trailer. The power cord is plugged into the trailer receptacle and connects to the power service at your hook-up location. The power cord may be stored in an exterior compartment.



### NOTE

Use power cords recommended by Airstream. Be aware, many campgrounds provide less than 30amp service, and your hookup may blow their fuse or circuit breaker. If this happens, reduce the load, then replace the fuse or reset the breaker.



## Coax Cable/Satellite/Internet Inlet

Ports for cable TV, satellite and/or Internet hook-up are located on the road-side of your Nest.

## Axle Assembly

Nest features a rubber torsion axle rated to carry 4000lbs. Each axle is aligned to proper specifications during manufacturing. Alignment after delivery, however, is the customer's responsibility. Typically while traveling straight, after a tire has struck objects such as potholes or rough railroad tracks many times will there be some cause for axle misalignment. Of course, deep holes or hard impacts can affect the alignment immediately.

The worst culprit for axle misalignment problems are curbs because they are normally struck at an angle. On occasion, while backing up a trailer, axles are damaged when attempting to park beside a curb.

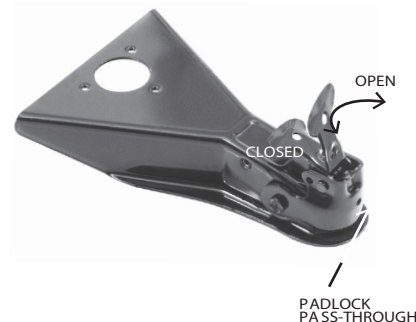
You may notice that the trailer axle is bent upward in the middle. This factory bend is normal and is how the camber is obtained. Also, toe-in is built into the axle by very slight bends in the axle tube on each end.

Tire wear can indicate misalignment. Check with your dealer for the nearest location having the proper equipment to correct the trailer's alignment. Refer to Section 8 — Maintenance for camber and toe-in specifications.

## Hitch Coupler

### Operating Instructions

1. To open, slide latch forward and pull up before inserting ball.
2. Place coupler on 2-5/16" diameter ball (same as coupler) and of same or greater capacity.
3. When ball is completely nested in the socket, push top of latch handle rearward until handle snaps into closed position. Then extend jack to ground and lift tow vehicle/trailer combination 2 to 4" to ensure coupler is securely attached to tow ball. Retract jack fully before towing.
4. Insert padlock or hitch pin through hole in assembly when traveling or for theft prevention purposes.



### WARNING



Always open latch handle before inserting ball into coupler.

### WARNING

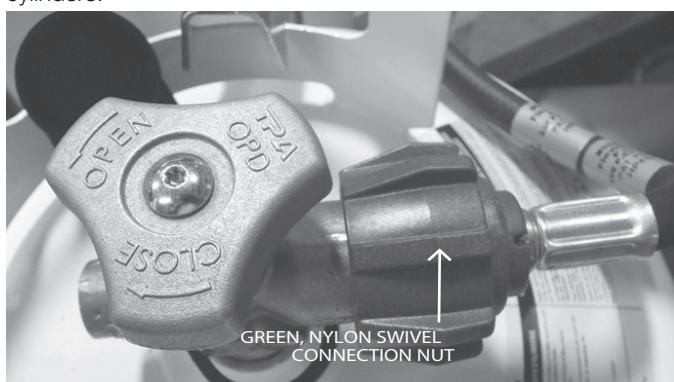


Always use a 2-5/16" ball for your hitch. An improperly sized ball can decouple — which could result in either a serious accident and/or extensive damage.

## Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG/Propane)

### Fill Valve

The LPG tanks are equipped with RV Type I Acme fill valve connections. The large, green, nylon swivel connection nut is right-hand thread — designed for hand operation only. The valve features an internal spring-loaded module that will not allow gas to flow from the cylinder until a positive seal has been made. The valve outlet has 1-5/16 in. Acme right-handed threads on the outlet exterior and female POL, left-handed threads on its interior. This feature allows for connection of the wrenchless Acme RV connection while still accommodating the standard left-handed POL fittings used for filling propane cylinders.



The mating, green swivel nut and brass nipple also incorporate new features: the green nylon nut swivels on a black bushing that is heat-sensitive. Between 240 and 300°F, the bushing will yield (melt) allowing the spring-loaded module in the valve to push the brass nipple back (approximately 1/4 in.), closing the module and stopping the flow of gas from the cylinder. Inside the brass nipple is a flow-limiting device designed to sense excessive gas flow. If an excessive flow is sensed, the flow-limiting device shuts the flow down to a maximum of 10 SCFH (Standard Cubic Feet per Hour) or less. This is also referred to as the bypass flow.

Bypass flow is extremely important in the proper operation of this connection. The flow-limiting device may activate if the cylinder valve is opened quickly. When all appliances are off, the bypass flow allows the pressure downstream from the flow-limiting device to equalize. When pressure is equalized, the flow-limiting device will supply normal flow to the system. Equalization occurs in approximately five seconds and usually goes completely unnoticed.

However, if an appliance is left on or there is a leak or open flow in the system, the bypass pressure will not be able to equalize and allow the flow-limiting device to reopen. Symptoms of this condition would be when appliances light but have lower than normal flame or die from lack of gas, or when a substantial reduction in the flame when another appliance is on or pilots are difficult to light.

Should this happen, the following should resolve the situation:

1. Extinguish all flames and smoking materials.
2. Close LPG cylinder valve.
3. Be sure all gas appliances, including their pilot lights are OFF.
4. Open LPG cylinder valve slowly. Do not snap open.
5. Wait at least 15 seconds before lighting appliances.
6. If operational difficulties continue, there may be a leak in the system. Immediately close the LPG cylinder valve and have the system inspected by a Qualified RV service technician.

### WARNING



Leaking LPG may ignite, causing a fire or explosion, which could result in bodily injury, property damage and/or death.

How long a full tank of gas will last is dependent on usage. In cold weather when you are using the furnace, large amounts of hot water and are doing extensive cooking, you will naturally use more gas than you will in warm weather when you may do limited cooking. On average, with normal cooking and other appliance use, you can probably count on two to three weeks of service per tank.



### LPG Tanks — Remove / Refill / Replace

The following procedure outlines the proper method of removing and installing LPG bottles:

1. Disconnect the rubber gas line at the tank to be removed. (The green nylon nut is a right-hand thread and no tools should be used.)
2. Turn the wing nut on the ring screw counterclockwise until the hold-down ring is loosened enough to be able to remove the tank.
3. After re-filling or changing bottles, tighten the wing nut until the tank is held firmly in place.
4. Re-connect the rubber gas line by hand-tightening green nylon nut to the tank. (Again, right-hand thread.)
5. Test fittings with ammonia-free and chlorine-free liquid soap or products designed for testing, such as Snoop® liquid leak detector.



If you have allowed the tank to run out, air may have seeped into the lines. In this event, the air must be forced out through the lines by gas pressure before you will be able to light the pilots.

**NOTE**

Use only the LPG tanks furnished with your trailer. If replacement is required, it must be a bottle of the same size and design.

**WARNING**

Your LPG tanks must be filled as directed by the tank manufacturer. Instructions are located on a decal near the fill valve. The decal must not be defaced.

**WARNING**

The LPG tank is securely mounted on the front A-frame of your trailer. If the tank must be removed for service or replacement, it is important it be reinstalled correctly in order to prevent any possibility of it becoming dis-lodged during travel.

**WARNING**

A warning label has been located near the LPG container. This label reads: DO NOT FILL CONTAINER(S) TO MORE THAN 80% OF CAPACITY. Overfilling the LPG container can result in uncontrolled gas flow, which can cause fire or explosion. A properly filled container will contain approximately 80% of its volume as liquid LP gas.

**WARNING**

Do not store LPG tanks within a vehicle. LPG tanks are equipped with safety devices that vent gas should the pressure become excessive.

**WARNING**

Do not use cooking appliances for comfort heating. Cooking appliances need fresh air for safe operation. Before operation, open an overhead vent or turn on an exhaust fan and open a window.

**WARNING**

Do not bring or store LPG tanks, gasoline, or other flammable liquids inside the vehicle because a fire or explosion may result.

**WARNING**

Portable fuel burning equipment, including wood and charcoal grills and stoves, shall not be used inside the recreational vehicle. The use of this equipment inside the recreational vehicle may cause fires or asphyxiation.

## LPG Safety

A warning label is displayed in the cooking area reminding you to provide an adequate supply of fresh air for combustion. The amount of oxygen supply in a trailer is limited due to its compact design. When using the cooking appliances, proper ventilation will prevent dangers of asphyxiation. It is especially important that cooking appliances not be used for comfort heating as the danger of asphyxiation is greater when the appliance is used for long periods of time.

Twice a year or after a long storage period, we suggest you take your unit in for a checkup and cleaning of the gas-operated appliances.

## If You Smell Gas

1. Extinguish any open flames, pilot lights, and all smoking materials.
2. Do not touch electrical switches.
3. Shut off the gas supply at the tank valve or gas supply connection.
4. Open doors and other ventilating openings.
5. Leave the area until odor clears.
6. Have the gas system checked and leakage source corrected before using again.

## Exterior LPG Port

An exterior LPG port quick-connect may be installed on the hitch A-frame of your trailer. An LPG supply line is shipped with the trailer in the loose parts box. This can be used to connect a lantern or other appliance that uses a one-pound, low pressure LPG tank supply to the exterior port.

To assemble, install a male quick-connect coupler to one end of the supply hose. Then add a flare fitting to the other end of the supply hose and install a one-pound tank coupler to the flare fitting. This assembly can be installed into the appliance in place of the one pound LPG tank.

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# Towing

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## Tow Vehicle

Obviously, adequate power and proper towing equipment/accessories are very important when considering a new tow vehicle or the capability of your present one. Towing capability is not determined solely by the power output of the engine. Transmission type and set-up (automatics generally do a better job of controlling engine loads than the average driver using a manual shift), as well as the gear ratio of the differential are also a very important.



### **WARNING**

Tow vehicle springs that are too stiff can hinder the action of the weight equalizing hitch and prevent the transfer of weight to the front of the vehicle.



### **NOTE**

Only use springs heavy enough to support your loaded vehicle (not including trailer). Having too harsh of a spring rate on your tow vehicle will only shorten the life of the tow vehicle and trailer and will cause your trips to be less enjoyable.

When buying a new vehicle to tow your trailer, we suggest including towing options offered by most tow vehicle manufacturers. These include such things as a heavy-duty alternator and radiator, heavy-duty springs and shock absorbers, transmission cooler, heavy-duty fan and flasher unit, etc., for the make of the vehicle.



### **CAUTION**

Before every trailer outing, inspect the tow vehicle's hitch for loose bolts or nuts, cracked welds, loose ball mounts, worn parts, etc.

## Brakes

All trailers are equipped with Dexter Nev-R-Adjust brakes. Please follow all maintenance procedures in the Dexter user's manual provided in the owner's packet.

### **Electronic Brake Controller**

The trailer brakes are operated by 12-Volt current from your tow vehicle. To prevent problems and ensure satisfactory braking action, install an electronic controller in line with the brakes in your tow vehicle. An electronic controller will synchronize the trailer brakes with your tow vehicle brakes. It is designed to apply the trailer brakes with your tow vehicle brakes. Your brake controller should be adjusted to provide for a slight lead of the trailer brakes over the tow vehicle brakes.



### **NOTE**

Study all material provided with your particular brake control. If you do not understand the information, have the installer explain the information to you or call the manufacturer of the controller.

### **Proper Electric Brake Use**

Proper synchronization of tow vehicle to trailer braking can only be accomplished by road testing. Brake lock-up, grab, or harshness is quite often due to lack of synchronization between the tow vehicle and the trailer being towed, a too-high threshold voltage (over 2 volts), or under adjusted brakes.



### **WARNING**

Never use only your tow vehicle or trailer brakes alone to stop the combined load.

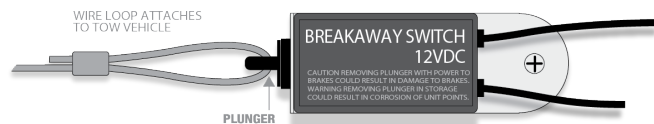


### **WARNING**

The braking system should be periodically checked and serviced by qualified, certified technicians only. Failure to do so could result in loss of control of your vehicle or the trailer, causing damage to property, injury, and/or death.

### **Breakaway Switch**

Nest is equipped with an emergency breakaway switch, mounted near the coupler at the front-end A-frame. In the event of an accidental separation of the tow vehicle and the trailer, the breakaway switch plunger pin will pull out, the switch will set and the trailer brakes will lock for the time needed to stop the trailer.



When hitching the trailer to the tow vehicle for travel, attach the wire loop from the breakaway switch to the frame of your tow vehicle's hitch assembly. When disconnecting the trailer from the tow vehicle, remove wire loop from the assembly. Do not remove the plunger pin from the switch because this will apply the trailer brakes.



### **WARNING**

Do not use the breakaway switch as a parking brake. If the battery should go dead, the trailer parking brake would no longer be applied. Failure to comply could cause damage to property, injury and/or death.



## Weights and Loads

### Loading

When towing a trailer, you are subject to new and different challenges on the highway than you may have previously encountered. Balancing the load and preparing the trailer and tow vehicle are critical to safe handling.

One of the most critical aspects of safe towing is knowing the weights involved and where they are placed. The first thing to determine is how much is being towed and confirming that it is within the capacities of the equipment being used.

To know what your trailer weighs when loaded—including water, propane, etc — take it to a public scale. Refer to your axle weight and tire limits to see if you are within a safe range. Always ensure that your loaded trailer is below the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR).

Make sure your load is balanced — front to back, side to side. Determining where the load is placed is critical to the way your rig will handle on the road. Step back and look at your trailer, making sure that there is not too much weight on the hitch, or on the rear of the trailer.

A Cargo Carrying Capacity tag like this can be found on the inside of the entry door on your trailer.

**RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TRAILER CARGO CARRYING CAPACITY**  
**VIN #####**  
**THE WEIGHT OF CARGO SHOULD NEVER EXCEED**  
**XXX kg or XXX lbs**  
**CAUTION**  
**A full load of water equals XXX kg or XXX lbs of cargo @ 1 kg/L (8.3 lb/gal)**

The total weight of all cargo, including dealer modifications or additions, water and propane should never exceed the number listed. Your safety depends on not overloading the trailer, trailer axles, and tires. Refer to Section 4 — Floor Plan and Specifications for rating list.

As cargo is added, removed, or shifts in location, the weight on the axle and hitch will change. Also, the hitch and axle weights will change as a consequence of the weight of the LP tank diminishing from use of propane, and/or the transfer of weight as a consequence of water in the fresh water tank being used and transferred to the waste water holding tank. When the LP tank is empty and fresh water has been transferred to the waste water tank, the reduction in hitch weight may be significant. For this reason, we recommend that the waste water tank be emptied before traveling.



#### CAUTION

It is recommended that you empty your waste water holding tank before traveling.

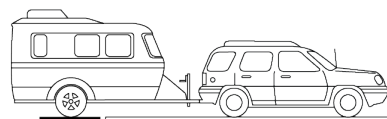
New trailer users often carry more food and other supplies than really needed. Remember that every item you take along is one more thing to stow and adds weight to the total load you must pull. Consolidate items in shelves, lockers, and in the refrigerator. Special care must be taken not to overload the front and rear ends of the trailer.



#### CAUTION

If camping or traveling gear must be placed on the floor of your Nest, be sure to distribute and secure the load evenly from front to back. Overloading the rear inside the entry door could contribute to unstable towing/handling.

## Weighing Your Trailer



1. Trailer's weight on axle  
(cannot exceed GAWR)



2. Weight on trailer tongue  
(tongue or hitch rate)

To determine that the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) is not exceeded, it is necessary to load all of your allowable personal cargo and other variable weights. Then hitch the trailer to the tow vehicle with load equalizing hitch properly adjusted.

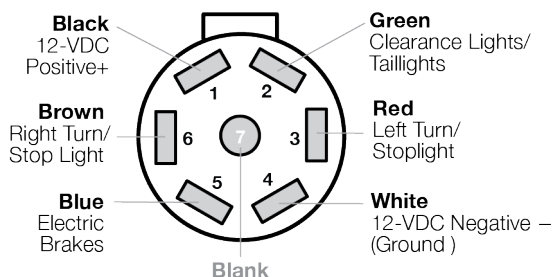
Chock wheels and place the trailer on a scale with the wheel/ axle assembly only on the scale (1). If the weight on the axle exceeds the GAWR, then some of the personal cargo must be redistributed forward in order to place some of this weight on the tongue.

The tongue weight should be 10 to 15% of the trailer's total weight and must not exceed the tow vehicle's or the hitches maximum weight rating. To determine tongue load, unhitch tow vehicle and place the tongue hitch post on a scale (see illustration 2). The trailer must be properly loaded as determined above with your allowable personal cargo and variable weights.

## Hitching Up

The process of hitching up your trailer is something that will become almost second nature with practice. Proper training on connecting your trailer to a tow vehicle is essential for safety. See your dealer or other qualified personnel for instruction on hitching of your trailer. Safety chain or cable use on the hitch is required in all states.

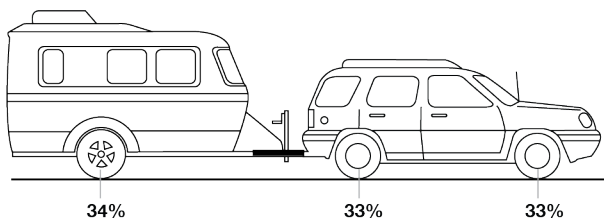
### 7-Way (7-Pin) Wiring Harness Plug



#### NOTE

The 7-Way plug is spliced to the main harness in the area of the 12-VDC distribution panel in front of the trailer.

### Equalizing Hitch Load Distribution



When a trailer is properly hitched up to a tow vehicle with a load equalizing hitch, approximately 1/3 of the trailer's tongue weight will be on the trailer's axles and 2/3 will be transferred to the tow vehicle. One third of this weight transfer will be carried by the front wheels and 1/3 by the rear wheels of the tow vehicle. Thus, the tire load of each wheel on the tow vehicle will be increased by 1/6 of the trailer's tongue weight. The tire air pressure of the tow vehicle should be increased to compensate for this additional weight. Refer to the vehicle's owner's manual for this information.



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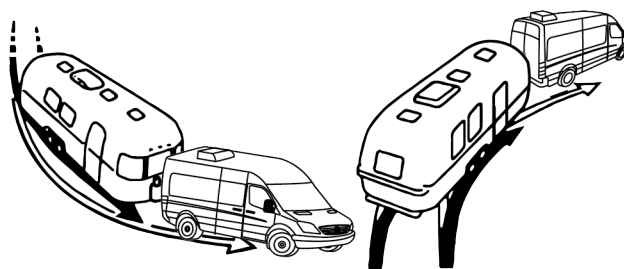
The tongue weight should be approximately 10 to 15% of the trailer's total weight. Under no condition should it exceed the tow vehicles hitch rating. Refer to the tow vehicle documentation for hitch rating information.

## Towing Tips and Information

We want every Airstream owner to be a safe and courteous driver. A few hours of towing practice in a large, empty parking lot will make pulling your trailer over the road much easier. Mark off two corners of the parking lot for left and right turns. These corners may also be used to practice backing and parking.

### Tracking Observation

Observe that the tracks made by the trailer wheels are distinctly different from those made by the tow vehicle. Studying this will make it easier for you to correct mistakes.



### General Information

After thoroughly inspecting your hitch, brakes and tires, you should be ready to tow. Check traffic, signal when you are about to pull away and start slowly. Look often in your mirrors and observe the action of the trailer, then carefully move into the proper lane of traffic. Remember that the trailer wheels will not follow the path of the tow vehicle wheels, therefore, wider turns are necessary when turning to the left or to the right.



#### NOTE

Truck or trailer type fender, door grip, and rear view mirrors are a must for maximum visibility and required by law in most states.

### Cooling System Overload

When towing, you might encounter a temporary cooling system overload during severe conditions, such as:

- Hot days when pulling on a steep grade
- When slowing down after higher speed driving
- Driving with long, idle periods in traffic jams

If the tow vehicle's temperature gauge or indicator light indicates overheating and the air conditioner is on, turn it off, pull over in a safe place and apply the emergency brake. Check for fluid leaks at the radiator overflow outlet. Ensure all drive belts are intact and the radiator fan is turning. If there is no obvious problem, the light should go off and temperature should come down within one minute. Proceed onto highway at a little slower speed. Resume normal driving after 10 minutes.

**WARNING**

Never open a radiator cap when the tow vehicle is hot. Check the coolant level when the vehicle is cool.

## Downhill and Non-level Driving

When going downhill in dry weather, down shift so engine compression will slow the whole rig down. Take dips and depressions in the road slowly and do not resume normal driving speeds until you are sure that the trailer wheels are clear of the dip.

**WARNING**

On slippery pavement, do not use engine drag to help slow down as this may cause the rear wheels of the tow vehicle to skid. On icy pavement, drive slowly and, if you feel the tow vehicle skidding, gently apply the trailer brakes only. This will bring the tow vehicle and trailer back into a single line. (Check the states in which you travel for requirements regarding chains.)

## Off-Road Towing

When driving in mud and sand, let the momentum carry the rig through. Apply power gently and use as little as possible. Stay in the tracks of the vehicle ahead and keep the tow vehicle in the highest possible gear. If you get stuck, it is best to tow out the entire rig together without unhitching.

## When Being Passed

Despite the best hitch, you will notice that whenever a large bus or truck overtakes your rig, the displaced air first pushes the trailer rear slightly to the right and then affects the front. It may be necessary to steer very slightly momentarily, toward the bus or truck to help compensate for the sway induced by the passing vehicle. Do not apply the vehicle brakes, as this can tend to exaggerate the situation. You may find that briefly applying the trailer brakes with your manual control will help eliminate sway.

On a two-lane road, cars may line up behind you because you travel at a lower speed. It is both courteous and sensible, if you are able, to signal, pull onto the shoulder and let them pass. Your trailer is designed to be towed easily at any legal speed, so if you are not careful you may be inclined to forget it is there.

## Passing

On freeways or expressways, pick the lane you want and try to stay in it. Always maintain plenty of space between you and the car ahead; at least the length of the tow vehicle plus trailer for every ten miles per hour. Remember that in order to pass another vehicle you will need longer to accelerate. You must also allow for the length of the trailer when returning to the right hand lane.

## Backing Up

When backing up, the important thing to remember is to do everything slowly and to correct immediately if you see the trailer turning the wrong way. Concentrate on the rear of the trailer. With your tow vehicle and trailer in a straight line, back up slowly and turn the bottom of the steering wheel in the direction you want the trailer to go. Watch out the window or in the mirror until the rear of the trailer is pointing in the desired direction. Your tow vehicle will be following the trailer in an arc. Straighten the tow vehicle and trailer by turning the steering wheel more sharply, and then, when they are in line, straighten the steering wheel.

Always try to back to your left because the visibility is much better. When you don't make it on the first try, it is usually much easier to pull forward to your original position and start over, or at least pull forward until the rig is straight and then start backing again.

If your spouse or traveling companion normally directs you when backing, they should position themselves forward of the tow vehicle so the driver can easily see them. Their directions should always indicate to the driver the direction the rear of the trailer should go.

A little practice in a parking lot with the person giving directions, can save a lot of frustration when backing into a campsite.

## Stopped On a Hill

Refer to the following warning if stopped on a hill for a prolonged period of time.

**WARNING**

Chock the trailer wheels when stopping on a hill or slope. Leaving your tow vehicle in gear is not enough for standstill safety. Do not use your trailer brakes as parking brakes.

## Controlling Sway or Fishtailing

Sway or fishtailing is the sideways action of a trailer caused by external forces. It is common for travel trailers to sway in response to strong winds or crosswinds, when passed by or passing a semi, or driving downhill.



### **WARNING**

**Excessive sway or fishtailing of your travel trailer can lead to the rollover of the trailer and tow vehicle. Serious injury or death can occur. It is important that you read and understand the information in this section.**

Sway or fishtailing of your travel trailer can be controlled and is primarily impacted by these four factors:

### • **Equipment**

When hitched together, the trailer and the tow vehicle must be level. The tires of both the trailer and tow vehicle should be in good condition and properly inflated to their recommended pressures. Braking is a very important factor in vehicle control. Refer to Brakes (and Electronic Brake Controller) in this section.

We recommend adding a friction sway damper or hitch with built-in sway control. Consult your dealer regarding this equipment. Also, refer to Sway Control Device in this section for more information.

### • **Tongue Weight**

Refer to Weighing Your Trailer and Equalizing Hitch Load Distribution found in this section.

### • **Speed**

The tendency for the vehicle to sway increases with speed. Obey all speed limits and reduce speed during inclement weather or windy conditions.

### • **Corrective Measures**

If sway occurs, the following techniques should be used:

1. Slow down immediately, remove your foot from the accelerator. Avoid using the tow vehicle brakes unless there is a danger of collision. Reduce speed gradually when possible. If done safely, use the brake hand controller to gently and progressively apply the trailer brakes. This will help to keep the vehicles aligned.

Practice using the brake hand controller in a deserted parking lot. Do not wait until an emergency occurs before using it. Location of the brake hand controller is important and should be made easily accessible.

2. Steer as little as possible while maintaining control of the vehicle. Because of natural reaction lag time, quick steering movements to counter trailer sway will actually cause increased sway and loss of control. Keep both hands on the wheel. Hold the wheel as straight as possible until stability is regained.
3. Once the swaying is under control, stop as soon as possible. Check tire pressures, cargo weight distribution and look for any signs of mechanical failure. Travel at reduced speeds that permit full control until the problem can be identified and corrected.



### **WARNING**

**Do not jam on the brakes or attempt to press on the accelerator to speed your way out of the fishtailing. Both actions make the situation worse and could cause severe injury or death.**

## Sway Control Device

Although Airstream has not intruded into the hitch manufacturer's field of expertise nor performed any formal testing, we find the vast majority of Airstream owners purchase sway-control devices.

When passed by large trucks or when exposed to sudden crosswinds, the trailer will be pushed and this action will be felt in the tow vehicle. It is our understanding that the sway control device will reduce the amount of movement, making towing more comfortable and adding some safety.

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## Maintenance Schedule



### **WARNING**

Failure to maintain your trailer can cause premature and unexpected parts breakage and/or erratic operation that may be hazardous.



### **NOTE**

See appliance manufacturer's literature for further information.

### Every 1,000 Miles or 60 Days

Escape Window	Check operation of latches and upper hinge.
Battery*	Check water level, lead acid only
Smoke Alarm	Test and/or replace battery as required by manufacturer
Tires	Check tire pressure (See Specifications)
Hitch	Check for loose bolts or unusual wear

\* As a battery ages and becomes less efficient, the water level should be checked more often and replenished only with distilled water. (Checking water level does not apply to Glass Mat Batteries.)

### Every 5,000 Miles or 90 Days

Exterior Locks	Lubricate with dry graphite
Exterior Hinges	Lubricate with light household oil
LPG Hold-Down	Lubricate with light household oil
LPG Regulator	Check bottom vent for obstructions
Door Striker Pocket	Coat with paraffin/grease
Wheel Lug Nuts	Torque Aluminum Wheels to 110 ft. lbs and Steel Wheels to 100 ft. lbs.
Breakaway Switch	Pull pin and lubricate with household oil. (See further instructions in this section.)
7-Way Plug	Spray with contact cleaner
Hitch Ball Latch	Lubricate with non-detergent motor oil
Hitch Ball	Lubricate with hitch ball lube or wheel bearing grease
Roof Vent Elevator Screws	Lubricate with light household oil
Main Door Step	Lubricate and inspect moving parts

### Every 10,000 Miles or 6 Months

Brakes	Inspect or replace as necessary
Wheel Bearings	Clean and repack
Tires	Inspect and rotate
Spare Tire Carrier	Lubricate moving parts
Windows and Door Seals	Clean with mild detergent and coat with "Slipicone"
Exterior	Wax
Escape Window	Lubricate latches with WD-40 or light household oil.

### Every Year

Battery	Clean, neutralize, and coat terminals with petroleum jelly
A-frame, Step	Wire brush and paint frame at front and rear
LPG Tanks	Have purged by LPG supplier
Seams	Check and reseal exterior seams, windows, lights, and vents as needed
Hitch Coupler and Ball	Ensure all parts operate freely. Replace any component if worn or damaged

## Maintenance and Replacement Parts

Parts are listed with Airstream-designated numbers and can be ordered by calling a certified Airstream dealer.

### Exterior 12-Volt Lighting

Side Amber Marker Light	PN – 513025
Side Red Marker Light	PN – 513026
Clearance Light	PN – 513419
Stop/Taillight	PN – 513153
Porch Courtesy Light	PN – 513179
Assist Handle	PN – 382431-01
Courtesy/Dump Valve Light	PN – 512533

### Interior 12-Volt Lighting

Single Overhead Light (surface mount)	PN – 512376
Reading Light (with switch)	PN – 513129
Reading Light (Nickel)	PN – 513187
Bath Light (wet location)	PN – 512478
Inside Door Light	PN – 513177
Ambiance Track Light	PN – 513340
Ambiance Track Light Control	PN – 513165-02



#### **WARNING**

Always replace an LED fixture with a matching fixture. Failure to heed this warning could cause fire, property damage, personal injury, or death.

### Replacement Breakers - USA Breakers

20 A Breaker, 12V DC Type II #12V20APP	PN – 510947-20
30 A Breaker, 12V DC Type II #12V30APP	PN – 510947-30
Breaker 20 Amp	PN – 510564-20
Breaker 30 Amp	PN – 510564-30
Breaker, Type BRD BD 15-15	PN – 510564-1515
GFI Breaker, 15GFI 15 Amp GFI	PN – 510564-15GFI

### Replacement Fuses

WFCO/Cheng USA Converter	3, 15, and 40A automotive style blade fuse
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### Replacement Filter

Air Conditioner (13,500 BTU)	PN – 690323-470
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### Touch-up Caulking

AdSeal Sealant, White	PN – 365330-01
Sealant, Acrylic Latex, White	PN – 360258

## Tires/Brakes/Axle

Your trailer is equipped at the factory with high quality, name brand trailer tires. If you experience tire problems, contact the nearest tire dealer that handles that same brand tires.

### Tire Changing

To change a tire with a jack, look for the label affixed to the underbelly located to the rear of the wheels. This label reads JACK with an arrow pointing to a plate welded to the mainframe rail where the jack head must be placed.



All tire and wheel assemblies are balanced at the factory. Be sure to re-balance the tire and wheel assemblies each time a tire is changed.

Airstream does not supply a jack with the trailer. Torque Aluminum Wheels to 110 ft. lbs and Steel Wheels to 100 ft. lbs..



**WARNING**

The maximum speed rating on the tires installed on your trailer is 87 MPH. Do not exceed this rating. Failure to heed this warning could cause catastrophic tire failure resulting in property damage, personal injury and/or death.

**WARNING**

Never attempt to change any trailer tire without securely chocking the trailer's other wheel. Never position yourself in a manner where a raised trailer can come down on you if it should become dislodged from a jack or ramp.

**WARNING**

When removing aluminum-forged wheels from spindle, it is very important to mark them to ensure the wheel is placed in the same position of the drum when reinstalling. If wheel is to be mounted on a different drum, it is important to sand all loose corrosion from the mating surfaces.

**WARNING**

Wheel separation can occur:

1. On first trip, tighten lug nuts at beginning of trip, and at 10, 25 and 50 miles
2. Check lug nuts before each trip
3. Following winter storage, check lug nuts before beginning a trip
4. Following excessive braking, inspect lug nuts

## Tire Load and Inflation Information

Maintaining proper tire inflation pressure is essential for both tire safety and performance.

### • Proper Tire Inflation

The level of air in your tires affects your vehicle's overall performance. A maximum inflation pressure specification is found on the trailer's exterior on a metal tag riveted to the lower front, roadside of the trailer as well as on the original equipment tires.

Air pressure should be checked based on the load on each individual tire. Cold Inflation Pressure should be adjusted to handle the maximum tire load and all tires on the axle should carry the same inflation pressure. Cold tire inflation pressure is the tire pressure checked in the morning before you drive more than a few miles or before rising ambient temperatures or the sun's radiant heat affects it.

### • Under-inflated Tires

Underinflation brings a higher risk of damage due to road hazards, reduce casing durability, cause a loss in fuel economy and will result in uneven or irregular tire wear. Severe under-inflation brings about an increased risk of tread separation, handling difficulties and possible tire failure caused by overheating.

When minimum inflation pressure requirements are not met, tire durability and optimum operating conditions are compromised. Tire inflation pressure should always meet the guidelines for vehicle weight.

Observe the following:

- It may be necessary to inflate your tires at a truck stop or truck service center in order to achieve adequate air pressure for your trailer's needs.
- Only permanent air seal metal valve caps should be used.
- Be safe — if a tire has been run in a 20% under-inflated condition, it must be dismounted and inspected by a trained professional. It should not be aired up without a full inspection or without using a safety cage. Use a calibrated gauge. If your tire is rated for higher inflation pressures, a special gauge will be required that is designed for larger tires.
- Do not bleed air from warm tires to reduce pressure buildup.
- Do not inflate tires to cold PSI rating beyond rim specifications.

### • How Overloading Affects Your Tires

Tire pressure is what enables your trailer tire to support loads, thus, overloading can have serious consequences. Too much weight can cause stress on the suspension system components, brake failure, handling and steering problems, irregular tire wear and possible tire failure. If you discover that your tires cannot handle the load, lighten the weight of the load on your tires.

### • Weighing Your Trailer Or Towed Vehicle

Since a trailer or towed vehicle adds to the load on the tires, it is crucial to properly weigh towed vehicles. Refer to Section 7 — Towing section for important detailed information on loading and weighing of the trailer.

## Tire Care

The most important function of tires are to provide traction while moving, and grip when steering or stopping. The tires on your trailer are designed for highway use and must be properly maintained in order to maximize tire life as well to provide a safe mode of transportation.

To reduce the risk of tire failure, we strongly recommend the following:

1. Check the pressure in your tires, including your spare, at least monthly when the tires are cool (after the vehicle has stopped three hours and then driven less than one mile). Do not reduce pressure when tires are hot. Use a tire gauge to check pressure and maintain it at the recommended level.
2. Never overload your tires. Heed the maximum load-carrying capability of your tires.
3. Check your tires frequently for scrapes, bulges, separations, cuts or snags resulting from use. See your tire dealer immediately if any such condition is discovered.
4. Never operate your vehicle in excess of lawful speeds or the maximum speeds justified by driving conditions, or in excess of speeds recommended for the tires you are using.
5. Make every effort to avoid running over objects that may damage the tire through impact or cutting, such as chuck holes, glass, metal, etc.
6. Never drive on smooth tires. Tires should be re-moved when 1/16 in. of tread depth remains. In most states it is illegal to drive with less than 1/16 in. remaining tread depth.
7. Park out of the sun whenever possible when in warm climates. In desert regions, use tire covers to prevent ultra violet light deterioration to tires.

## Tire Inspection and Storage

Before taking your trailer on a trip or when removing it from an extended storage period, make it a practice to inspect the overall condition of your tires. Check for any type of condition or damage that might result in failure.

A thorough check should include both inside and outside sidewalls, tread area and the condition of hardware such as valve stems, valve caps and wheels. The tread should be checked for any unusual wear, cracking, penetrations and/or cuts. An uneven wear pattern can indicate mis- alignment or worn suspension parts.

Since many RVs are used seasonally and sometimes stored for extended times, it is possible that tires will take many years to wear out. Tires, as any rubber product, will age over time. If tires show cracking in the sidewall or tread surfaces that are more than 1/16 in. deep, they should be replaced before your next trip or vacation.

Store your RV in a cool dry area away from major heat sources and extreme cold. An enclosed storage area is best with no exposure to electromagnetic sources such as generators or transformers. If you must keep your trailer outside, cover your tires from direct sunlight. Take your trailer to your tire dealer for service to check or correct any of these conditions.

## Tire and Wheel Replacement

It is possible to replace your tires with a different size, in some instances, to increase your load capacity with a different inflation pressure. If there is a reason to replace your tires with a different size, make sure the following checks are made before the purchase:

- Does the replacement tire have the load capacity that is needed for my trailer and will it fit properly inside the wheel well?
- Will the overall diameter difference affect the braking system?
- Is the increase in air pressure compatible with the maximum rated pressure stamped on the rim?

Most trailers are towed at or near maximum loads during hot weather and then left idle for months. In normal use, oils in the tire come to the surface during flexing and protect the rubber from ultraviolet light. But when the trailer tires sit idle too long, natural aging may cause the rubber to crack prematurely, especially in the sidewall area. Trailer tires over five years old should be inspected by a tire expert for cracking and replaced even if it has no apparent tread wear.

Choose a tire adequate for the load. The load rating printed on the sidewall will show the maximum load that can be carried at a defined pressure.



### **WARNING**

**Do not mismatch wheels and tires.**

Axle systems are installed with hubs and drums that are compatible with many wheels used in the recreational vehicle industry that have matching bolt patterns. If the original manufacturer-installed equipment is in need of replacement, the wheel manufacturer should be contacted for proof of compatibility prior to replacement and use.

Customers replacing original equipment that has not been tested for compatibility must ensure the replacements are compatible to the hub and drum assembly installed. Such elements of compatibility include, but are not limited to:

- Diameter of the hub-mounting surface.
- Stud length and diameter.
- Location and number of studs.

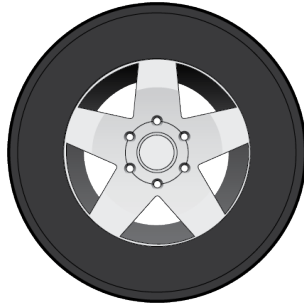
- Center hole diameter for the wheel.
- Wheel-mounting offset from the rim center.
- Rated capacity of the wheel.
- Wheel fastener torque.
- Wheel nut size and shape.
- Impact of any added wheel accessories (such as decorative center caps) that could affect proper seating of the wheel to the hub surface.

Nest Wheel Specifications:

16 x 6 / 5.5

6 lug pattern

Zero offset

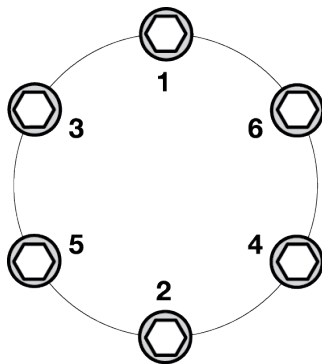


## Lug Nut Torquing

Trailer wheels must carry much higher loads per wheel than passenger car or truck wheels. Each wheel may carry 1000 pounds and higher.

When going around corners, especially on slow, tight turns, the wheels are subject to very strong side loads. This tends to flex the wheel and gradually loosen the wheel nuts. Although the materials and manufacturing methods are maximized for this kind of service, these extra loads can cause stress, which can result in flexing and loosening of lug nuts.

Before each trip and any time a wheel is replaced, be sure to tighten the wheel nuts, following the lug-pattern sequence shown here. If the wheel was replaced, check the torque every 10, 25 and 50 miles.



If you notice wheel wobbling or hear a rattling sound coming from a wheel, a lug nut may have come loose. This problem is usually caused by improper tightening or by faulty or damaged lug bolt threads.

If suspicious of a loose lug nut, safely stop vehicle as soon as possible. Put up warning devices. Tighten all lug nuts to the specified torque using a torque wrench. If stud threads are damaged or faulty, get professional service help.



### NOTE

Use a torque wrench to tighten lug nuts. Tightening by hand or with an impact wrench is not recommended. Torque Aluminum Wheels to 110 ft. lbs and Steel Wheels to 100 ft. lbs..

## Spare Tire Carrier

The Nest spare tire is stored under the front of the trailer. The front handle of the tire carrier is a 1-in. tube protruding out from under the frame on the curbside. It is secured by a bracket and bolt along the inside of the frame rail. Removing the bolts allows the front on the tire carrier to be lowered and the spare tire to be removed.



### WARNING

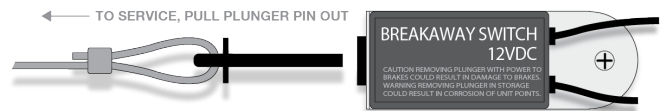
The spare tire carrier is designed to carry an undamaged tire and rim assembly of the type and size specified for the trailer. Never place a severely damaged wheel assembly with a partial tire, or a rim only, in the carrier.

## Brakes

Due to normal brake lining wear, the brakes and the controller setting should be checked every six months or 10,000 miles, whichever comes first.

## Breakaway Switch

To prevent corrosion within the breakaway switch, pull the plunger pin out and spray the inside of the switch through the pin insertion hole with an electric contact cleaner. Applying a drop of light household oil on the plunger pin and the groove near the base of the pin will allow the pin to operate freely. Immediately reinsert pin. Perform these procedures every 90 days.



### CAUTION

Allow no more than 20 to 30 seconds of plunger pin separation from switch as damage to brake magnets may occur.

For more information regarding the Breakaway Switch refer back to Section 7-2.

## Axles and Bearings

### • Torsion Axle Alignment Specifications

#### Toe-In and Camber Specifications

Toe-In each side 1/16 in.	Tolerance 1/8 in. + or —
Camber each side 3/4°	Tolerance 3/4° + or — (degrees) positive



#### NOTE

Never allow heat to be applied to the axle tube because the rubber providing the spring torsion action will be severely damaged.

### • Wheel Bearing Maintenance

1. Jack trailer at marked jack location pad behind axle on mainframe,
2. Remove hubcap or spindle cover, wheel and tire.
3. Remove dust cap.
4. Remove cotter pin.
5. Remove spindle nut and washer.
6. Remove bearings and hub.
7. Lay down hub with inside grease seal down. Knock out inner bearing and grease seal using wood or plastic dowel and hammer.
8. Clean all parts thoroughly with kerosene.
9. Check all bearings and races for chips or roughness of any kind. Any damaged component must be replaced.
10. Pack bearing with a good grease (No. 2 Grade-265 ASTM penetration or equivalent).
11. Install inner bearing.
12. Install new grease seal in hub or rotor using wooden or rawhide mallet.
13. Install hub and drum on spindle.
14. Install outer bearing.
15. Install washer and spindle nut.
16. While rotating the wheel, tighten the spindle nut with a 12" torque wrench until there is a slight tension. Then back off one notch and install cotter pin. There should now be from .001" to .010" end play in hub. If not, back off one notch.
17. Check the lug nuts for tightness at 10, 25 and 50 miles of travel. See Specification Section in this manual for wheel torque ratings.



#### NOTE

The wheel/hub assembly on a new axle will take some time and miles to settle into its proper and centered position within the wheel well. New trailers are designed with this eventuality built-in, so wheels will initially appear to be off-center.

## Batteries

Your Nest trailer is factory equipped with two 95 amp-hour Interstate® SRM-24 Deep Cycle lead-acid batteries.



### Battery Amp Draw and Testing

All batteries will have an Amp Hour (AH) rating. The AH rating on a battery is its "C/20" rate or 20 hour discharge rate. As long as a battery is discharged over a 20 hour, or longer period, it will deliver 100% of its rated capacity. If it is discharged in less time at higher currents it will deliver less capacity.

To further help define "amp-hours," here's an example: a battery with a 100 amp-hour capacity can deliver one amp for 100 hours or it can deliver 100 amps for one hour. Batteries are able to deliver current longer if they are discharged at a lower rate and deliver less current at a higher discharge rate.

For proper load testing the battery needs to be fully charged and the voltage should be greater than 12.8volts. A typical load test should be 3 times the amp hour for 15 seconds. At the end of 15 seconds the voltage of the battery should stay above 9.6 volts. If the battery cannot reach a fully charged voltage of 12.8 or greater the batteries will need to be equalized.



#### NOTE

When checking the state of charge the battery needs to have been disconnected from a charging source and any loads for a minimum of four hours.



#### WARNING

Before removing the batteries verify that shore power is not connected. Risk of electrical shock may be present.

The following chart shows the approximate % of charge SOC (State of charge) vs. OCV (Open circuit voltage) and specific gravity for Interstate batteries.

SOC	OCV	Specific Gravity
100%	12.84	1.300
90%	12.73	1.282
80%	12.65	1.268
70%	12.57	1.255
60%	12.49	1.242
50%	12.41	1.228
40%	12.33	1.215
30%	12.25	1.202
20%	12.17	1.188
10%	12.09	1.175
0%	12.01	1.162

## Battery Cleaning

Battery maintenance is an important issue. Maintain a clean battery top and check terminals and cables for tightness and cleanliness. A dirty battery will dissipate its charge through surface contamination. Clean the battery top with a damp cloth and dry thoroughly.

To ensure maximum battery capacity on the charge and discharge, the battery terminals and the inside portion of the cable connector should be scraped or brushed. The terminals should be tight and free of corrosion. The battery should be cleaned using a baking soda and water mix with a ratio of two tablespoons of baking soda to a pint of water. The cable connection should be cleaned and tightened regularly.

For battery service or replacement, go to a service station or dealer who sells and services the make of battery installed in your trailer.



### NOTE

Reconnect the battery cables to the correct battery posts.

## Battery Storage

During the winter, the batteries should be removed from the trailer and stored in a cool, dry place, where there is no danger of freezing. They should be kept full of water, cleaned, and charged monthly. A battery that is allowed to completely lose its charge will never regain its original power or a full charge.

The following recommendations may be helpful if the battery is to be stored:

- When storing the battery in a vehicle or vessel, it is not necessary to leave it on charge. Disconnect the negative battery cable. This will prevent inadvertent discharging of the battery which may lead to a complete discharge.
- Fully charge the battery before putting it in storage and store in a cool place.
- Charge the battery every 30 to 60 days to ensure maximum battery life.



### NOTE

A battery will self-discharge 1-3% per month at 80 degrees.

## Fresh Water System

### Water Pump

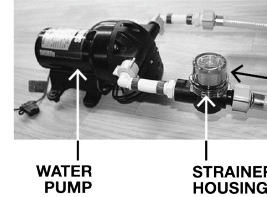
#### • Access Location

The location of the Nest water pump and filter is behind the curbside galley. Access to both is gained by unscrewing the service panel located on the inside of galley cabinet.



#### • Strainer Cleaning

Locate the water pump and strainer housing cap. Turn housing cap counterclockwise to remove cap and carefully pull out strainer. Clean strainer in a small vessel of clean water or under running water. If necessary, clean strainer in a detergent solution. Install strainer and housing cap, being careful not to damage the housing cap seal.



### Freshwater Tank

#### • Tank Draining

Pumping the water out with the self-contained water pump can empty the fresh water tank. Simply turn on the pump switch and open a couple of faucets until the water will no longer drain out. Watch closely and turn the pump off when the tank runs dry.



### CAUTION

Do not let the pump run dry for extended periods of time as this could damage the pump.

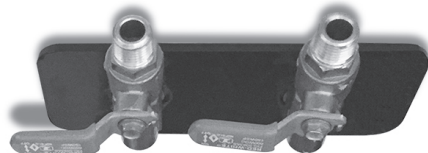
#### • Tank Drain Valve

The fresh water tank is equipped with a petcock drain valve. This is located on the galvanized box found curbside in front of the tire. The valve opens with a 1/4 turn.



- **Lowpoint Drain Valves**

Nest has two water line lowpoint drain valves that are located on the curbside in front of the tire behind the black utility compartment.



## Water Heater

Nest is equipped with Suburban's Nautilus On-Demand water heater. This "tankless" heater features built-in freeze protection. For more details, refer to the manufacturer's owner's manual provided with your trailer.

- **Water Heater Bypass Valve**

The Nautilus On-Demand water heater bypass valve is located on the backside of the heater. It can be reached via the access panel below the curbside dinette cushion or mattress. Simply turn valves to bypass heater.

## Sanitizing

Potable water systems require periodic maintenance to deliver a consistent flow of fresh water. Depending on use and the environment the system is subject to, sanitizing is recommended prior to storing and before using the water system after a period of storage.

Nest requires about 3 ounces of common household chlorine bleach combined with a FULL tank of fresh water to sanitize its tank.

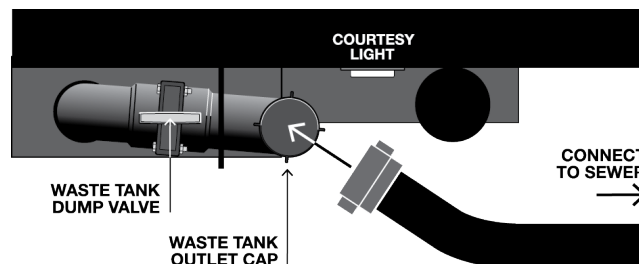
Systems with new components, or ones that have been subjected to contamination should also be disinfected as follows:

1. Pour ~ 3oz of chlorine bleach into the fresh water tank and completely fill with potable water.
2. Open all faucets (hot and cold) allowing the water to run until the distinct odor of chlorine is detected; then close valves.
3. Let the solution stand for a set time. Typically, the standard solution must have 4 hours of contact time to disinfect completely. Doubling the solution concentration (~6oz) will allow for contact time of one hour.
4. When the contact time is completed, drain the tank. Refill with potable water and flush the plumbing of all sanitizing solution.

## Waste Water System

### Waste Water Tank Dumping

To empty waste water tank, remove outlet cap and attach the sewer hose by pressing the hose bayonet inlet fitting onto the outlet — rotating clockwise until it feels solid and secure. Attach the outflow end of the hose to the sewage station and orient hose so it will completely drain. Pull the dump valve handle out and wait until the tank is drained.



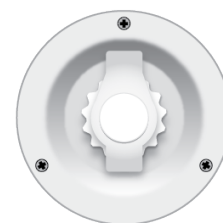
Close the dump valve and partially refill the tank with clean water and repeat the process until clean. The holding tank must be flushed out until all paper and waste material is removed. Should solids accumulate, close the dump valve, fill the tank about half full with water, then tow the trailer for a few miles. The turbulence caused within the tank will usually loosen and suspend the solids so the tank can be drained. Replace the dump outlet cap prior to traveling.

When you are in a park and connected to a sewer station, keep the main holding tank dump valve closed, and empty waste tank every few days or when it becomes almost full. Only by sending a large volume of liquid, all at once, through the main holding tank will toilet paper and other solids completely wash away. This practice will avoid the accumulation of solids in the waste holding tank, which could lead to an unpleasant cleaning job.

Draining the tanks as described will protect them from freezing during storage. When traveling in sub-freezing temperatures, use a winterizing solution designed for RV use. Follow the directions on the container.

### Waste Water Tank Flush

The trailer has a water hose connector specifically for flushing the waste water tank. To use, hook up a garden hose and turn it on. A spray head within the tank will rinse the interior surface of the tank. The dump valve should be closed for the first couple of minutes. Once the tank is half full, turn the hose off, pull the dump valve and release the water out in a rush. Repeat as needed. The tank flush should be used regularly or the spray head may become clogged.



## Waste Water System Cleaning

The only cleaning agents that can be used without causing harm to the system are household ammonia and tri-sodium phosphate in small quantities. Do not use any product that contains any portion of petroleum distillates. This type of product will attack the rubber seals of your toilet and dump valve. Also, do not use any dish detergent or abrasive cleaners. All products should be marked as approved for ABS drainage systems.

## Winterizing and Storage

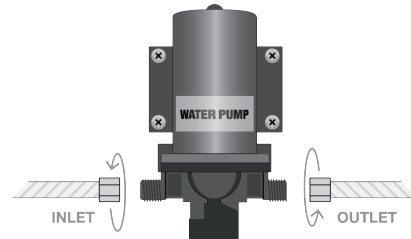
When storing your trailer for short or long periods, use the same precautions as you would in your own home in regard to perishables, ventilation, and rain protection. In addition, for prolonged storage periods, flush out all the drain lines and the waste tank. Also drain the entire water system including the water heater and the fresh water tank. Instructions for draining the water system are explained in the following paragraphs on winterizing.

The main consideration in winterizing your trailer is to guard against freeze damage to all vulnerable systems: including the fresh water system of lines, fixtures, tank, water heater, and pump; the waste water system of toilet, traps and tanks; plus, the batteries.

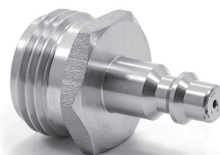
To completely winterize your trailer follow this procedure:

1. Level the trailer from side to side and front to rear. Open faucets at galley, exterior and inside shower.
2. Turn the water pump switch to the ON position to expel water from the storage tank
3. Open all drain valves including valve on water heater and exterior water service valve.
4. While the water is draining from the system, open and flush the toilet-flushing valve. Turn the thumb button on the shower head while holding the spray head down inside the bowl and drain all water from the flexible hose. Unscrew the shower head and store.
5. Turn the pump switch OFF after all water has been removed from the storage tank.
6. Disconnect outlet hose from water pump.
7. Disconnect the water pump inlet connection and turn the pump on until all the water is expelled. This water can be caught in a towel or rag.

8. Lower the front of the trailer as far as the jack will allow until water ceases to drain, then crank the jack up as high as it will go and allow any remaining water to drain out.



9. After the water has stopped running from the drain lines, apply 50 lb. of air pressure at the city water inlet. (An is available from your dealer's RV accessory store. Be sure the toilet valve, all drain valves and faucets are open and pump outlet hose is disconnected. This can be done at a service station and will force any remaining water from the water heater and remove any water that may be trapped in low areas.



Air-to-city water adapter

10. Pour a cup of non-toxic RV antifreeze that has been approved and listed by a recognized testing authority such as Underwriter Lab into the lavatory, sink and tub drains to prevent trap freeze-up.

11. Be sure to open the waste-holding tank dump valves and drain and flush the tanks thoroughly (this is very important as the sewage in the tanks, if frozen, could seriously damage the tanks). Plan ahead and have this done at a dump station.
  12. Remove the batteries from your trailer and store in a cool, dry place where there is no danger of freezing. It is very important for optimum life of a battery to check it periodically and to keep it fully charged.
  13. Remove any items (food, cosmetics, etc.) from trailer interior that might be damaged by freezing or that might damage the trailer if containers should break.
- For additional winterizing protection, add a non-toxic antifreeze (approved for drinking water system) to the water lines using the following procedure:



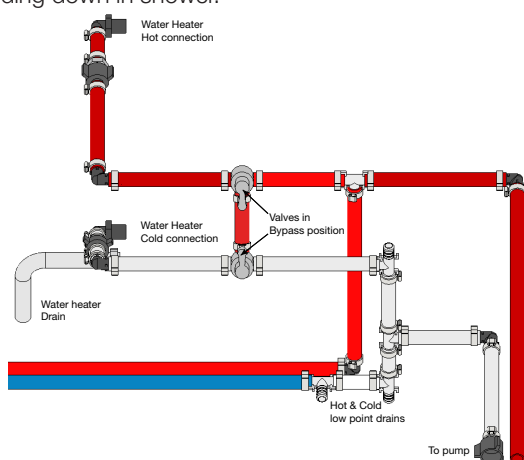
### CAUTION

Remove all RV antifreeze spillage from all drain and faucet parts after winterizing. Failure to do so could result in damage to the plumbing fixture's finish.

1. Reconnect all lines except the hose to the pump inlet port. Close all drain valves.
2. Turn water heater bypass valves to their bypass position. See photo below for reference to these valves.
3. Attach a length of hose to the pump inlet port. This piece of hose should be long enough for the free end to reach to the bottom of the antifreeze container.



4. For antifreeze usages follow manufacturer's instructions found on label of container.
5. Open all water faucets.
6. Insert hose length into the antifreeze container, turn the pump switch on and run the water pump until the antifreeze solution fills all water lines. Flush toilet. Work hand shower spray while holding down in shower.

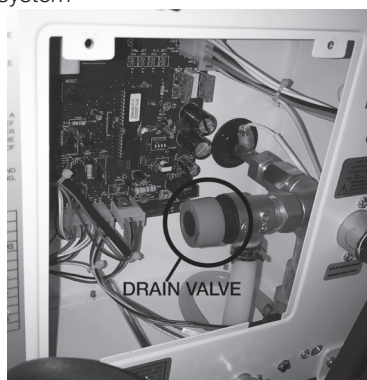


7. Shut off the pump and close all faucets.
8. Disconnect the hose length from pump inlet fitting and reconnect water system inlet line.

## Water Heater Winterizing

If your Nest is to be stored during winter months, the water heater system must be drained to prevent damage from freezing. Once drained RV non-toxic antifreeze can be added

1. Turn off electrical power to water heater.
2. Shut off gas supply to water heater.
3. Turn off pressure pump on water system.
4. Open both hot and cold water faucet
5. Remove service panel to access system drain valve. It can be reached via the access panel below the curbside dinette cushion or mattress.
6. Follow the Winterizing and Storage instructions for draining entire water system



### NOTE

System will have to be refilled with water and all air removed from lines before unit will re-light.

## Entry Door and Window Care

### Lubrication

Apply a little paraffin or grease to the striker pockets and a slight amount of household oil to the lock mechanisms to keep the locks operating smoothly. Lubricate the hinge pins periodically with household oil. Use the oil sparingly and remove any excess from exterior shell immediately.

### Sticking Windows

Forcing the window open may cause the window to shatter. Always follow the guidelines below for releasing a stuck window.

1. Unlatch the window latches securing the windows on the interior.
2. Apply some 303 Aerospace Protectant to a nylon wedge window tool.
3. Starting in the corner, tuck the end of the nylon tool under the glass and gently slide to opposite end.
4. Once the window is released, wash the gasket with a mild soap and water solution, then dry.
5. Use a soft rag or sponge and apply a generous coating of 303 Aerospace Protectant directly to the gasket. Remove any residue that comes in contact with the exterior shell. 303 Aerospace Protectant may be ordered through the Airstream Parts Department or via the on-line store at [www.airstream.com](http://www.airstream.com).



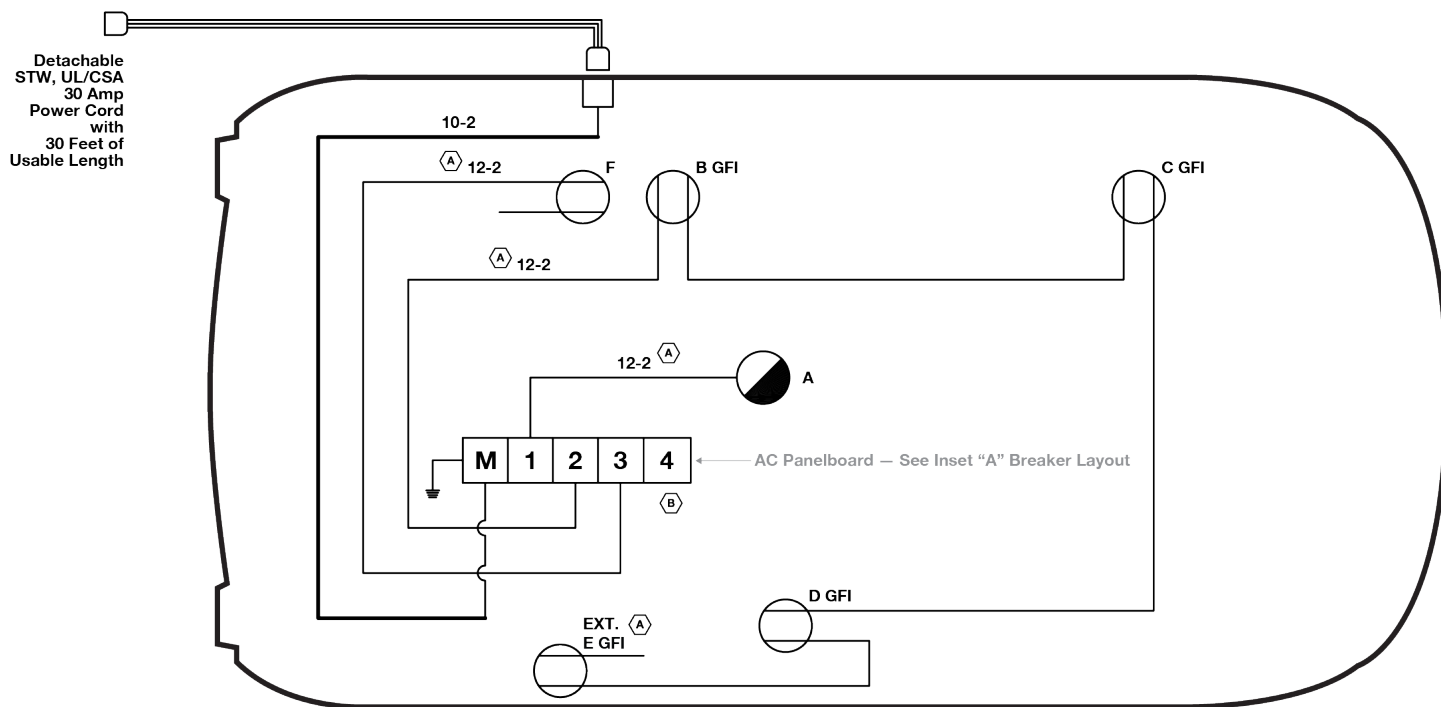
### CAUTION

Prying up or applying pressure to the window may cause the window to shatter resulting in personal injury or unit damage.



## 120-Volt/30Amp (AC) Wiring Diagram

This electrical diagram is representative of the National Electric Code (NEC) and Canadian Standards Association (CSA). All circuits are NEC with the exception of CSA circuits as specified in each respective table.



### Main Circuit, 30 Amp

#### Circuit 1, 20 Amp

A Air Conditioner	16.0 Amps
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#### Circuit 2, 15 Amp

B Pantry Receptacle	1.5 Amps
C Dinette Receptacle	1.5 Amps
D Galley Receptacle	1.5 Amps
E Exterior Receptacle	1.5 Amps

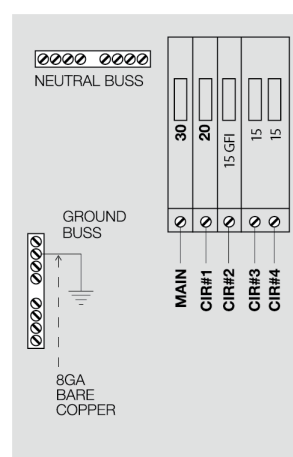
#### Circuit 3, 15 Amp - GFI

F Microwave Receptacle	12.0 Amps
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#### Circuit 4, 15 Amp

G Converter	8.0 Amps
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## Standard 30Amp Circuit Breaker Layout



Inset "A" Breaker Layout

### Main Circuit - 30 Amp

**Circuit 1 - 20 Amp**  
Air Conditioning

**Circuit 2 - 15 Amp**  
Pantry, Dinette, Galley, CS  
Exterior Receptacles

**Circuit 3 - 15 Amp**  
Microwave Receptacle

**Circuit 4 - 15 Amp**  
Converter

*Breaker label content may vary.*

## FAQs

### Electrical

- 1. What size of generator is needed to operate my Nest?*  
A 1000 watt generator may be used to charge just the batteries. If you want to run appliances such as the microwave or AC unit, we recommend at least 4,000 watts or more (This is for a 30-Amp system). Many Airstreamer's accomplish this using two portable generators run in parallel.
- 2. I was told my Airstream is pre-wired for solar panels. What does this mean?*  
Wiring has been installed throughout your unit for the "quick connect" of ancillary solar kits. For more information on solar packages, you may wish to contact your Airstream dealer.
- 3. What size batteries are in my Airstream?*  
Nest has two Interstate SRM-24 batteries installed.
- 4. Do you recommend using a surge protector when plugged into shore power?*  
Your Nest is breaker protected. But, added protection is always recommended.
- 5. What is the battery disconnect switch function?*  
It is a switch that disengages or engages the 12-volt power supply from the house batteries to everything but the LPG detector. The switch is used to cut power when the trailer is not being used or put into storage to preserve battery charge.
- 6. What does the power converter do in my trailer?*  
The converter takes 120-volt AC shore power and turns it into 12-volt DC to keep batteries charged and power 12-volt items in your trailer.

### Plumbing

- 1. While parked at my site do you recommend leaving my dump valves open?*  
You cannot leave your waste water valve open. This would cause a buildup inside the tank. You need to keep this closed until you are full or ready to leave.
- 2. How do I use my waste water tank flush?*  
First, empty your black water tank, then close your black water tank valve. Hook up your hose to the external hookup, run a couple minutes, and then open the valve. Do this a couple times until clear.
- 3. Do I need a water regulator?*  
No, your Nest is equipped with a built in regulator rated for 50 PSI.

- 4. How do I get fresh water into my trailer?*

When parked at a location with a city water accessible spigot, simply connect a RV-recommended garden hose to the tap and then to your trailer's exterior city water inlet. If boondocking or "dry" camping is planned, fill your 25 gallon on-board fresh water tank at home via the gravity-fill inlet.

### Cable/Satellite TV and Internet

- 1. Can I install a TV monitor or Internet modem?*  
Nest is pre-wired for a coax cable, satellite and/or Internet connections. Contact your Airstream dealer for more details about aftermarket options.

### Appliances

- 1. I am planning a trip in my Airstream. How should I get the refrigerator cooled down?*  
Cooling time will vary with exterior temperatures and time of day. Start by pre-cooling your refrigerator at least 12 hours prior to loading your refrigerator. Always pre-cool food in your refrigerator or freezer to reduce cooling time. Do not pack food too tight in compartment as to prevent circulation around food items. Normal refrigerator operating temperatures are 34°F to 40°F.
- 2. My air conditioner freezes up. What is the problem?*  
In high humidity conditions, the AC manufacturer recommends you operate your AC (manual mode) on the high fan setting and all vents should be open to have maximum air flow over the coils; this helps reduce icing. Also, dirty air conditioner filters can restrict air flow and cause the AC to ice up.

### Maintenance

- 1. Where can I find my trailer serial number?*  
A label is attached on the roadside sheet at the front side sheet seam. This label will also provide the inflation pressure of the tires and GVWR. The serial number of the trailer is also stamped on the street side of the A-frame by the LPG tanks.
- 2. Awning suggestions:*  
Your awning is intended to provide shade. Your awning can be used in light rain conditions if front or rear is tilted to let water run off. Light winds should not affect awning use. If you are leaving your trailer for long periods or in threatening weather, the awning should be retracted. Visit the awning manufacturers website for more information and instructional videos.
- 3. Cleaning the exterior of my Nest. Suggestions?*  
Airstream recommends washing the trailer using a mild auto detergent safe for clear coated surfaces. Airstream recommends washing based on operating conditions and waxing a minimum of twice a year.

4. *Can I use a cover for my Nest?*

Airstream does not recommend using any type of cover. The installation and movement of the cover in windy conditions could scratch the gelcoat.

5. *My entry door is hard to open. Is this normal?*

Your entry door is designed differently than a flat surface door. On uneven surfaces the trailer can be in a slight twist that could affect closing. Make sure trailer is as level as possible.

6. *What should I use to clean the wall fabric on the interior of my Nest?*

For dried on dirt, we recommend a very soft brush, followed by mild soap and water. Do not oversaturate with water. Let dry completely.

7. *How do I clean my curtains and upholstery?*

Curtains may be dry-cleaned. Upholstery may be spot-cleaned. We recommend dry cleaning as the best overall cleaning solution.

8. *What is a rubber torsion axle?*

Your trailer has Dexter rubber torsion axles. This type axle has internal rubber cords that provide load carrying capacity verses leaf spring type axles. Reminder — never jack up trailer under the torsion axle tubes!

9. *My windows are sticking and don't open easily. What is wrong?*

Your windows have rubber seals around the edges which in extreme heat and dusty conditions can become sticky. You can help prevent this by regularly cleaning window seals with soapy water and applying a silicone product or Aerospace Protectant 303 to the seals. Clean edge of glass too.

10. *The mattress in my Nest is an odd shape, where can I buy sheets?*

Standard queen-size sheets should fit reasonably well. However, Airstream has a selection of sheets which can be purchased by calling 937-596-6111 ext 7400 or 7418. Or, check our website at [www.airstream.com](http://www.airstream.com) and click on store.

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