

VINTAGE AIRSTREAM SERIAL NUMBERS

1959	1 (rare)	<---Length in feet-->	<-- T, S, or SS----->	<-----Serial No.----->
1960	1 (rare)	<---Length in feet-->	0=1960	<-----Serial No.-----> D or T
1961	1 (rare)	<---Length in feet-->	1=1961	<-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->
1962	<---Length in feet-->	<-T or D->	<---S--->	<---S---> <-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->
1962	1 (rare)	<---Length in feet-->	2=1962	<--T or D-> <-----Serial No.----->
1963	<---Length in feet-->	<-T or D->	<---S--->	<---S---> <-----Serial No.----->
1963	1, 2 rare	<---Length in feet-->	3=1963	<--T or D-> <-----Serial No.----->
1964	<-----Plant----->	<---Length in feet-->	4=1964	1, 2, or S <-----Serial No.----->
1965	<-plant->	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	5=1965 <-----Serial No.----->
1966	<-plant->	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	6=1966 <-----Serial No.----->
1967	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	7=1967	<-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->
1968	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	8=1968	<-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->
1969	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	Floor Plan	9=1969 <-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->
1970	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	Floor Plan	0=1970 <-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->
1971	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	Floor Plan	1=1971 <-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->
1972	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	Floor Plan	2=1972 <-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->
1973	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	Floor Plan	3=1973 <-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->
1974	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	Floor Plan	4=1974 <-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->
1975	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	Floor Plan	5=1975 <-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->
1976	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	Floor Plan	6=1976 <-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->
1977	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	Floor Plan	7=1977 <-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->
1978	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	Floor Plan	8=1978 <-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->
1979	<--trim-->	<---Length in feet-->	Floor Plan	9=1979 <-plant-> <-----Serial No.----->

DIRECTIONS FOR USING SERIAL NUMBER CHART-

The serial number is always on a plate, belt height, by the door. The name Airstream, should be on that same plate. Before about 1950, the plate was always brass, later, aluminum. If necessary use fine steel wool on the plate to reveal the numbers correctly. Use a magnifying glass if there is any doubt. Numbers on other plates in the neighborhood are not part of the serial number. G, 6, 5, and 8 are often confused.

Known manufacturing points are: Main Street Los Angeles, Los Cerritos, Santa Fe Springs, and Jackson center. Dates when these plants were opened and closed are not known.

This chart shows the meaning of each digit in a serial number. Just select a year. Moving to the right, each cell explains the meaning of a digit. The first cell is the first digit, and so forth. If the year is unknown, (it usually is not), measure the length of the trailer from ball to bumper. Try to locate the measured length within the serial number in question. Using the chart, find the years which have the length in this position. The year then may be deduced by further comparison with the chart. It is expected that some serial numbers will not fit the chart due to custom manufacture, mistakes, differences between the four manufacturing plants and so forth.

Note that there are two types of serial number in 1962 and 1963.

A number of letter codes are used to describe, Plant of manufacture, trim level, or floor plan. They are described below:

TSS= Calif. , TY=?, TD=?, T=twin bed, D=double bed, SS=Calif, probably Santa Fe Springs. O=Land Yacht, and Overlander the older term. i= International. J= Jackson Center.

In 1964, 1, and 2 in column six may be number of axes.

In 1966, O= Overlander, 1= International, 2=?

In 1967 and 68, Serial numbers over 500 indicate a double bed.

For 1969 through 1979, i=International, E=Excella, and L=Land Yacht. Floor plans are, B=Center bath double bed, A=Center bath twin bed, T=Rear bath twin bed, and D=Rear bath double bed. As before, J=Jackson Center, and S= Santa Fe Springs.

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Pre 1980 Serial Number Identification

1966, 1967, & 1968 Examples

1966

J0266124
J1286824
S0226534
S1246158

1 ST Position	S (California)	J (Jackson Center, OH.)
2 nd Position	I (International Model)	O (Overlander Model)
3 rd & 4 th Position	Length	
5 th Position	Model Year	
6, 7, 8 th Position	Sequential Production Model. (Over 500 Double Bed, Under 500 Twin bed.)	

1967

I267S158
I287J555
O267S141
O247J157

1 ST Position	I (International Model)	O (Overlander Model)
2 nd & 3 rd Position	Length	
4 th Position	Model Year	
5 th Position	S (California)	J (Jackson Center, OH.)
6, 7, 8 th Position	Sequential Production Model. (Over 500 Double Bed, Under 500 Twin bed.)	

1968

I288S133
I308J554
O268S560
O178J151

Serial Number Identification

1969 thru 1980

