

1965 MODEL AIRSTREAM
OWNERS BULLETIN

1. We know for certain that it is impossible for a main door to fly open if it is properly locked by the owner.
2. We have had too many owners who do not lock their door properly and then expect the factory to replace the door and the damaged section of the trailer at no cost to the owner.
3. Our experience has proven that once a customer has this difficulty and knows how to lock the door properly he no longer has problems with his door flying open. You as a customer should know how to operate the lock so that you will not be inconvenienced by your door flying open and breaking. The following is a "sure fire procedure" for insuring that your door is properly locked.
 - a. With your door in the open position so that you can see and touch the deadbolt, insert the key and turn only part way towards the locked position. After doing this you'll find that you can turn the key back to the starting position and remove it. But you will also find that when you push on the end of the bolt with your thumb it will retract, indicating that it had not been deadbolted. This is why the door comes open, because vibration makes the deadbolt retract in the same manner that your thumb pressure did.
 - b. Now, with the door open, insert the key and turn the deadbolt as far as possible clockwise in the fully locked position. Then turn the key back to the starting position and remove it. Now press on the bolt with your thumb and you will find out that you cannot retract the bolt. This is the full deadbolt position and no amount of vibration will cause the bolt to retract and the door will not fly open.
 - c. When you ascertain the degree of the full turn of the key to make the bolt dead, put a small mark on the lock face plate so that you will always remember to turn the key as far as the mark to insure that the bolt is dead and cannot move back under vibration and allow the door to fly open. (On some of the later 1965 Models you will find that this mark has been already made on the face plate by the factory.)
4. As of October 1, 1965 the factory will no longer be responsible to repair damage caused by failure to operate the lock properly.

Airstream Service Division
MAINTAINING YOUR AIRSTREAM
1965 MODELS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF AIRSTREAM SEPTIC TANK

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Our septic tank is really a holding tank which with a little conservation of water will allow use of the toilet away from sewer facilities for several days.

Its operation is quite simple:

When the use of the tank is anticipated, the gate valve on the back of the tank located in the One-Stop Service Center should be pushed closed.

When emptying the tank, attach sewer hose to sewage outlet with outlet end of hose in sewer fitting and lying in such a way that it will drain, then pull open the valve.

When ready to leave park, close valve, flush 5 to 10 gallons of water through your toilet, open the gate valve to allow complete drainage, re-close the valve and store the sewer hose.

Remember, this tank holds only the discharge from the toilet, not from sinks and shower. Therefore, water running out of the drain does not indicate a leaking septic tank valve but probably just that the sink or shower is draining.

If the toilet will no longer drain, this is an indication that the tank is full and will require emptying...watch this closely for when the tank is full the sewage cannot be emptied from the toilet bowl.

We recommend Airstream's specially designed sewer hose for use with this tank. Ask your dealer for details.

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WINTERIZING YOUR AIRSTREAM 1965 MODELS

It is important to guard against freezing damage in the hot and cold water systems; the waste drain system including the traps; waste holding tank; and the water heater. To completely winterize your Airstream follow this procedure:

1. Level the trailer from side to side and from front to rear. Open all the faucets on the inside and remove the hand filler cap.
2. Open all drain valves. There are three valves: two located in the One-Stop Service Center, and one at the water storage tank in front of the trailer. In the 17' and 20' models there are only (two valves,) one at the storage tank and one inside the side trunk door.
3. While the water is draining from the system, go inside and open and close the toilet flushing valve. There is great danger from freezing if water remains in this valve.
4. Pour about a cup of kerosene into the lavatory and sink drains to prevent freezing water in the traps, or drain them completely. Do not use anti-freeze.
5. Pour about a cup of kerosene into the shower or tub drain trap. (There is no effective way of draining it). Do not use anti-freeze in the trap.
6. Be sure to open the waste holding tank drain valve and drain the tank thoroughly (this is very important as the sewage in the tank, if frozen, could seriously damage the tank).
7. Lower the front of the trailer as far as the jack will allow and see if the water will continue to drain. Then crank the jack up as high as it will go and let any water remaining drain out.
8. Open all faucets inside the trailer.
9. Remove the cover of the water purifier if your trailer is so equipped and drain purifier.
10. Turn lever on water pump pressure switch to "OFF" position.
11. Disconnect Inlet and Outlet connections and turn pump by hand until all water is expelled from the unit.
12. Make certain that the battery in your trailer is up to charge to prevent it from freezing, or remove it for storage where it cannot freeze.
13. open Valve in Flush Tank Loop Behind Stool

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF THE AIRSTREAM WATER SYSTEM

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The Airstream water system may be used in either one of two ways. If city water is available, simply connect a hose to the water entry fitting located in the rear storage area, left of the waste tank dump valve. Before lighting the water heater, open a hot water faucet and allow the air to be forced from the water heater and the water to enter. This step will be necessary only if the water system has previously been drained. If you plan to remain for some time where city water is available, drain the water storage tank and refill with fresh water before departing. However, remember that the water tank is not under pressure and therefore will not fill when you are connected to city water. There is a hand shut-off valve, located in the water line running from the water pump to the trailer distribution system, which should be turned off when your trailer is connected to city water supply.

If city water is not available or will not be available at your destination, the Airstream self-contained water system may be used. To fill the water storage tank, simply remove the cap on the right front corner of the trailer and fill the tank from a water hose or a bucket if city water is not available. The tank may be filled until the water entry pipe is overflowing. Replace the cap and the water system is ready for use. If the hot water tank was completely empty it must be refilled before lighting. This may be done by opening a hot water faucet and turning on the water pump until water comes out the faucet. The water heater is now full. The new Airstream pressure demand water pump runs whenever a faucet is opened and shuts off almost immediately when the faucet is closed. If the pump cycles on and off, check for a leaky faucet. Before leaving your Airstream unattended for any length of time, it is advisable to turn the water pump off.

The water level gauge of the Airstream water tank is located at the roadside end of the tank.

Due to iron and lime deposits in various parts of the country, it is advisable to clean the tank occasionally. Pour bicarbonate of soda into the filler pipe with several gallons of water and allow to stand for several hours. Flush out by opening the drain cock and running clear water through the tank.