



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215KS
13E-072

Subject: Accessory Bike Rack

Dear Mr. Mihalick:

This letter serves to acknowledge Airstream, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

AIRSTREAM/ACCESSORY BIKE RACK/9999

Mfr's Report Date: December 23, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13E-072

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 623

Problem Description:

Airstream, Inc. is recalling certain Fiamma-brand Flying Cloud and International model number 209397 accessory bicycle racks distributed January 2012 through December 2013 by Airstream. When the bike rack is installed as designed and loaded with bicycles, the secondary emergency exit in the rear of the trailer may be partially blocked.

Consequence:

Partial blockage of the secondary emergency may hinder egress from the trailer in the event of an emergency, increasing the risk of injury to passengers.

Remedy:

Airstream will notify owners, and will supply two new warning labels, one for the bike rack and one for inside the trailer by the rear secondary exit. This label will also come with installation instructions. The recall is expected to begin by early February 2014. Customers may contact Airstream at 1-937-538-1268.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

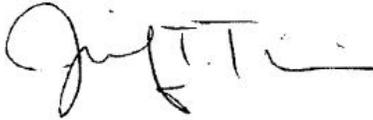
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement