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National Highway
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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 04V-506 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: October 22, 2004

Date Faxed: October 27, 2004

MANUFACTURER: Airstream Inc.

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Terry Coleman, Director of Codes and Safety

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SUBJECT: 929 Airstream 2004-2005 Classic, Safari and International motor homes. The outer wheel bearing in the hub of the axle may fail, leading to unexpected separation of the wheel from the axle. This failure may be due to an inadequate amount of grease in the hub assembly or the grease in the hub may break down under normal operating conditions into a liquid that inadequately lubricates the outer bearing. Inadequate lubrication of the outer bearing can begin a chain of events that could lead to wheel separation. Separation of one or more wheels from the trailer could cause the trailer to handle erratically or go out of control. A lost wheel could also strike an oncoming or following vehicle causing a crash, resulting in serious injury or death to those involved.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

I have reviewed your proposed dealer bulletin and owner letter and they meet the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 573.6, 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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during October or November 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

Please let us know when the actual mailing takes place and, as usual, provide this office with final copies of all documents relating to the recall.

If you have any questions, please call:

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