

So You Want to Buy a Used Diesel Motorhome!

Several of my friends are in the market for a used diesel motorhome, either as a change from their current Airstream trailer or as a newer used motorhome update. In contemplating the potential purchase each has a wish list of standard or optional features desired on the newer unit. Perhaps they would like an exhaust brake, a diesel generator, dual pane windows, ceiling ducted air conditioning, a slide out, a larger water heater, an inverter, a solar charger, or some combination of these and other standard and/or optional equipment. They are shopping at dealers or on the Internet with some vehicles being in distant states. What makes their search confusing is that they are not sure what year or model Airstream motorhome has each desired feature as standard or optional equipment. Salesman and even some owners may be similarly in the dark regarding the equipment on a particular unit.

To provide some assistance in this dilemma they have requested that appropriate diesel motorhome information be collected so that analysis of all these variables would be easier and searching would be more focused and successful. Believing that an informed shopper is a committed purchaser, what follows is a compilation of information regarding 1995 or newer diesel units from Airstream literature and other sources. If you can not find the information under a particular model year, look at the earlier comparable model since all features were not repeated every model year in the interest of brevity. The author wishes to express appreciation for help provided by Dave Schumann, Jim Parrett and Bob Wheeler of Airstream, as well as David White, Franklin Simmons, Larry Jones, Don Shafer, Ewart Phillips, Ed Nackman, Marion Elledge, Tom Tisdell, Earl Leggett, Joe Ramseur, Nye Thatcher, and Martin Miller. The abbreviations LY and FY stand for last year and first year in the document. Any errors, omissions or oversights are entirely the author's.

95 Classic

230 Cummins DSL

36' on Spartan Chassis

Tires (Spare) 225/70 R 19.5

Automatic Leveling Jacks

Rear TV monitor, 2 Skylights

6 way power driver/passenger seat

Pleated day/night shades, Oak Galley Floor

10'4" ext. height, Corian galley

Porcelain sink, 6.5 LP generator,

6 gal water htr., 80 gallons fuel

8 cu.ft. refrig w. Ice maker, 2 Coach, 2 Chassis Batteries. 79" headroom

Optional

Gel-Cel batteries

Alum wheels, Convection microwave Full Leather seating

Oven, 50 Amp service

5w. or 53w. Solar panel

95 Land Yacht-35' Oshkosh Chassis LY230 DSL-Cummins w. Allison MD3060,

Shirt closet w. adjust shelving, First Wide Body, Cedar wardrobe, 6.5 kW LP gen., 80" interior hgt. Wood floor in galley, cassette 4 speaker, Prewire cell phone, Corian galley top, Air over hydraulic brakes LY, CB radio, undercoated, Computer controlled automatic leveling jacks LY, Skylight/shade, Marble lavatory top, heated holding tanks, Water purifier, Rear view TV monitor, 6 Gal Wtr heater w. DSI,

10'9" Ext height, Powered Leather Trim Driver/Pass seat, Fantastic Fan

Tires(spare) Michelin 225/70 19.5

Optional: 50 Amp service, Washer/Dryer Awning, Spotlight, Aluminum Wheels,

Dinette w. 2 chairs, Patio awning

Ceramic Tile in bath, oven

95 & 96 Clipper

250 DSL 36' or 300 DSL 36'

Bus body, side door

Tires 255/80 R22.5

Limited production, top of the line mtrhm.

96 Cutter 36'

250 DSL Cummins, Oshkosh Chassis LY AirGlide Suspension, 100 gallons fuel

Auto. Leveling Jacks, Aluminum wheels Galley wood floor, skylight with shade Free standing dinette, 8 cu.ft. 3-way Refrig.

50 Amp power cord w. reel, Gravity water fill LY

7 KW Diesel generator, Ext. Hgt. 11' 10"

80" Interior headroom

Tires: 235/80 R 22.5

96 Land Yacht 35' -Freightliner Chassis FY

Tires(spare) 225/70 19.5

Air brakes FY, 80" interior height

Lever Controlled leveling jacks FY

8 cu ft refrig w. ice maker

9 " bedroom TV, LY

Optional

Solar Panels, AM/FM CD player

Computer controlled Automatic Leveling Jacks,

7 kW generator, oven

50 Amp service, electric cord reel Patio awning LY

97 Cutter 35', 230 DSL Cummins LY

275 DSL engine optional

Freightliner Chassis FY, Tires 235/80 XRV 22.5

Air Brakes/Air ride, 78.5 Interior height

Front entry door, 1500 w. inverter

Patio Awning, 90 gal. Fuel

Regular side driving mirrors

Stainless Steel Sink LY, 8 cu.ft. refrigerator

Pleated Day/Night shades

6 gal DSI Water htr, 30 Amp power cord LY

5 w. solar, 6.5 kW LP generator

Heated holding tanks, No fresh water gravity fill FY Optional: Front door awning

50 Amp service, hardwood in galley

Power jacks, Back up monitor LY Porcelain toilet, Fantastic Vent in bedroom

Powered passenger seat, 10 cu. ft. refrig

Dinette w. 4 chairs, Skylight

97 Land Yacht-35'

230 DSL Cummins

275 DSL Cummins optional

Tires(spare LY) 245/70 19.5 FY

1 or 2 engine batteries Stronger rear axle FY

Std. Aluminum wheels FY
13" TV in bedroom FY
50 Amp service FY Patio awning FY
130w inverter w. reset button
Optional
2000 W inverter with 2 extra batteries
100W inverter for TV in dash
Vinyl Tile floor in bath

98 Cutter-35, CAT 300 DSL, FY
Galley Slide Optional FY, Back up monitor
11'8" exterior height, 5 w. solar charger,
Reg side driving mirrors, Jacobs exhaust brake FY Wash/Dryer Prep., ducted air in roof FY,
2 diode brake light wiring after 4-24-98 chassis build date, Rear Ladder
2 engine/4 auxiliary batt., Alum. Wheels(Std 2-98), Inverter 1500w. Ceram or Hdwd galley/Ceram or carpet
bath, Full Air Brakes, Porcelain sink FY 180 lb. LPG/ 105 with Diesel Generator
50 Amp Service FY, Tinted glass,
Mud flaps, pass-through storage FY Tires(No Spare) 235/80 XRV 22.5.
Power Gear jacks, No fresh water gravity fill Begin on-line parts info at
airstream-rv.com Optional 7.5 kW diesel gen.
Power Pass. Seat, Skylight
Fantastic fan in bedroom Slide Out is optional

98 Land Yacht-230 DSL 36'
275 Diesel Optional, No Spare Tire/Wheel,
Air Brakes/Air Ride, 130 w.inverter/ TV, Cassette/6spkrs, Alum Wheels (std. 3-98) Dual Pane Windows(Std 3-
1998)
Ceramic Tile Floor (Galley/Bath - Std 3-98)
Tires 245/70 R19.5(No spare provided by builder- mount & space available for owner retrofit) FY 5 w.
solar w. volt meter
Begin on-line parts info at airstream-rv.com
Optional
1500 w. inverter, Washer/Dryer
Fantastic fan in bedroom
7.0 kW. Quiet DSL Generator

99 Cutter- 35'CAT 300 DSL
SLIDE optional, 5 w. solar
Regular side driving mirrors- LY
6 gallon water heater- LY, Air brakes, Exhaust brake, Automotive paint FY
Pass-through storage,
Prewired for satellite- FY
Tires (No Spare) 235/80 XRV 22.5 *All Freightliner air brake
chassis mfgd. after 3-1-98 have 4-wheel ABS brakes
1500 w. trace inverter, 78.5 int. height, Dual pane windows, 6.5 LP generator,
Aluminum wheels
Optional: Dinette w. 2 chairs
7.5 Diesel Generator, washer/dryer
Slide out 16" X 153 is optional
Power Passenger seat, oven, Skylight, Bedroom Fantastic

99 Land Yacht 35 feet- LY

230 DSL, 275 DSL Optional
Reg side driver mirrors(LY)
Last Low profile DSL 10'9" ext height Dash TV inverter 130w., 6.5
LPG Gen *All Freightliner air brake chassis mfgd. after 3-1-98
have 4-wheel ABS brakes
90 gallon fuel, Tires 235/80 R22.5
Deeper basement storage
No Spare tire/wheel, Prewired Satellite
Dual pane windows, 6 gal water htr LY Leather seating with recline
Cassette, CD changer
Skylight, Automotive Paint FY
Tires (no spare) 245/70 R 19.5
Optional 1500 w inverter, Washer/dryer
7.0 kW DSL Generator

2000 Land Yacht 35 XC, 35 feet LY CAT 300 DSL, 330 DSL
optional only yr.
2000w.inverter, 10gal Wtr heater w.elect FY 11'5" ext. hgt, Out Front driver
mirrors FY,
16" SLIDE out standard FY, Prewired satellite
Ceiling Ducted AC, 10w solar, CD changer
90 gal, Std ladder, Ceramic tile galley/bath, Driver Vibrasonic FY, Air brakes, exhaust brake Air dump, ½ Pac
brake (req lubrication) FY., Hydraulic slide out, Ext Finish w.Clear Coat finish FY, Tires 235/80 XRV 22.5 (No
Spare but Frame
Space for it with added bracket) Refit with 275/70 XZA1 22.5 for more load But Must Enlarge width of Rear
Wheel Well (1-2" out of flange at top of wheel well) before Releasing Air Lifts. 2% low speed error. Watch max.
rim pressure and max. speed.
Optional: Bedroom Fantastic, Skylight, 7.5 Quiet DSL Gen., Wash/dry. Power Pass Seat., foot rest, Dinette 2
chairs

2000 Land Yacht 390 XL, 39 feet FY
CAT 330 DSL, ½ Pac Brake (requires lubrication)- FY, 17 " ELECT. Slide-out FY, Ext finish w. Clear Coat FY,
Driver Vibrasonic seat FY, Overhead TV, CD, 2000w inverter, 10 w. solar, Ceiling Ducted AC, Door awning
FY,
11'10" ext height, Prewired Satellite, 100 gal fuel, 7.5 Quiet Diesel Gen. Dual fuel fill, 10 Gal water htr.
FY w.elect-FY
Out Front driver mirrors FY, Basement Storage
Tires(no spare)Michelin XRV 255/80 R22.5G carrying 5205 lbs @ 105 RECALLED
Front replaced with Mich XZA1 275/70 22.5 H carrying 6385 lbs @120 Optional: 150 gal fuel,
Washer/dryer, rear ladder, Skylight, power pass seat footrest,
Bath Fantastic fan

2001 360 XC, 36foot FY
CAT 300 , Dual Fuel Fill
10w. solar charger
11'9" ext. height, Over Driver Seat TV
8 kW Quiet DSL generator on slide FY
Driver seat vibrator
Tires (no spare) 235/80 R22.5 Michelin
Optional
Skylight, VCR, Washer/dryer
Power passenger seat/ vibrator

2 Chair dinette, Bedroom Fantastic Fan

2001 390 XL slide 39 Foot

CAT 330, 3126 E 860 lb.ft.torque

395XL 2 slides, tub, small toilet

396XL 2 slides, shower, reg. Toilet

Closed bedroom slide blocks closet

Free standing dinette 2 chairs, Tile floors

VCR, Driver seat vibrator

Raised rail frame/ basement storage

150 gal. fuel FY

Air brakes, exhaust brake Std ladder, CD

8 kW FY Quiet DSL generator on slide FY

Tires(no spare)Michelin XRV 255/80 R22.5 carrying 5205 lbs @ 105 RECALLED

Front replaced with Mich XZA1 275/70 22.5 carrying 6385 lbs @ 120

Optional: Skylight, DVD, Washer/dryer,

Bedroom Fantastic Fan,

Power Pass.seat w. vibrator

2002 360 XC, 1 slide

365XL, 2 slides (FY and LY)

Closed Bedrm slide smaller, closet opens

CAT 300, Door Awning (first year) DVD, Painted roof FY

Painted Graphics w. clearcoat FY

½ Turbo exhaust brake- FY

Tires (no spare) 235/80 R 22.5. Spare may be carried on top of fuel tank. 53 w. solar panel Optional

Full Paint, Washer/dryer,

Skylight, Bedroom Fantastic,

2 Chair Dinette, Power Pass Seat w. footrest

2002 390 XL, 1 slide 39 foot

395 XL, 2 slides, tub, small toilet

396XL, 2 slides, shower

Closed bedroom slide blocks closet

DVD, 53w solar

½ Turbo exhaust brake - FY

Painted Roof - FY

Painted graphics w. clear coat - FY Tires(no spare)Michelin XRV 255/80 R22.5 G carrying 5205 lbs @ 105

RECALLED Front replaced with Mich XZA1 275/70 22.5

H carrying 6385 lbs @ 120

Optional

Full Paint, Washer Dryer, Power Cord Reel

Skylight, Power Pass Seat w. footrest,

Rear Ladder, Bath Fantastic Fan

2003

In 2003 Airstream continued 39 foot diesel models from 2002, featuring running changes and upgrades.

Specifically they:

-Introduced new 2003 SKYDECK with 12' 6" exterior travel height when folded limited production of 100 units.

(Other 39 foot models are 11' 10" exterior height.) Roof capacity of 15 people. GCWR 36000 lbs before S/N 810839 and 41000 after S/N 810839

-Land Yacht 390D models continued: X L390 with one slide, XL 395 with two slides and a tub, XL 396 with two slides and a shower.

-Ceased production of 2003 Land Yacht 360 XC and Land Yacht 365 XL Diesel Motorhomes in September 2002.

No 2003 Motorhome literature printed.

2004

In 2004 Airstream continues on their 2003 line up except for the discontinuance of the XL 395. The Skydeck is now referred to as the 390 SD. The refrigerator door is now finished in stainless steel.

All 2004 Airstreams have improved tank sensors for black, gray, and fresh water. There is one pressure sensor at the bottom of each tank to measure the weight of the tank contents. Interior headroom of 78 ½". Bedrooms include a 20" TV and a DVD player with surround sound. In the galley there is a standard free-standing dinette.

2005

Airstream is planning to introduce a Classic Diesel motorhome on a raised rail frame with a double slide in 37 and 39 foot sizes on a W24 Workhorse Chassis.