

So, what is the difference between an Excella 500 vs. an Excella Airstream?

What does the 1000 mean on my Excella?



Andy Thomson from Can-Am helped provided some insight to the question. The Excella 500's were a limited run trailer that was built each spring from about 1971-1979. They were loaded with all the options, standard plus many upgrades. For example, this was the first model with a gray water tank.

Here are some of the specs:

EXCELLA 500

- 45 Gallon Water Tank
- Univolt Water Pump
- Sanitary Holding Tank
- Grey Waste Water Holding Tank
- 7½ Cu. Ft. Gas/Electric Refrigerator
- 10 Gallon Gas Water Heater
- Built-in 105 Ampere-Hour 12V Battery
- Battery Charger & Voltage Regulator
- Deluxe Central Control Panel Includes Water Tank Gauge, Battery Condition Meter, Ammeter, Holding Tank Capacity Gauge, Battery Operated Clock
- Univolt Range Exhaust Fan
- Univolt Ceiling Fan
- Univolt Bathroom Exhaust Fan
- 57 Oz. High-Density All Nylon Carpet
- "L" Twin Lounges in Front Room
- Front Window Pull Drapes
- TV Jack
- TV Swing Shelf
- Motorized TV Antenna and Splitter for AM and FM
- Tip-out AM/FM Radio
- Stereo Tape Player with 4 Speakers (2 in Bedroom)
- Flush Tambour door handles
- Telephone Jack
- Univolt Interior Lighting System
- Combi-Vent Lights in Ceiling
- Two 12 Volt Outlets
- Automatic Lights — Wardrobes/Pantry
- Living Room Indirect Fluorescent Lighting
- Swedish Crystal Swag Lamp
- Entrance Light
- Two-Tone Door Bell
- Back-up Lights
- Front Cluster Lights
- Outside Floodlight
- Tail Light Monitor
- Retractable 25' 110V Power Cord
- Retractable 50' ½" Water Hose
- Double 7½ Gal. Aluminum Gas Bottles
- Automatic Gas Bottle Regulator
- C-Level Gauges
- Battery Powered Hitch Jack
- B.A.L. Stabilizing Jacks
- Michelin Radial Steel-Belted Tires
- Forged Aluminum Wheels
- Auxiliary Step Extension
- Vista-View Windows
- Concealed Refreshment Center
- Fire Extinguisher
- Concealed Dish Towel Rack
- Tinted Double-Pane All Weather Windows
- Bay Breeze Air Conditioner
- Water Purifier
- Imperial III Dishmaster at Galley Above Sinks
- Auxiliary Pull-Out Galley Shelf (Rear Bath Only)
- Two Sink Covers with Cutting Boards
- Telescoping Room Divider Doors
- Thermo-Formed Drawers
- Bedroom Wall Comfort Covers
- Fixed or Pull-Out Twin or Double Bed
- Bedspreads on Fixed Beds
- Space Locker
- Credenza Table with Concealed Chair Storage
- KOA Wood Grain Perma-Tech Furniture
- Built-in Safe Deposit Box
- Weight Watchers Scale
- Telescoping Towel Rack
- Adjustable Towel Rack
- Deluxe Telephone Shower with Automatic Temperature Control Mixing Valve
- Microwave Oven with Micro-Browner

The first model years came with a wide blue stripe that was vinyl clad aluminum (they even had blue anodized rivets to match the blue vinyl). In 1980, they made the International the Excella II and the Excella 500 became the Limited model, which was then available year-round. In 1982, the II was dropped and it became simply Excella.



Starting around 1986, they starting offering an optional upgrade package for the Excella called the “Excella 1000” package; the items in the package changed over the years. Here is the spec sheet from the 1986 Excella.

AIRSTREAM TRAVEL TRAILERS

STANDARD FEATURES

Retractable Stabilizer Jacks
 Aluminum Step w/Extension
 Cedar Lined Closets w/Lights
 13,500 Delta "TX" Air Conditioner
 Water Heater By-Pass Kit
 Electric Hitch Jack (Exc./Ltd. only)

Hardwood Overhead Oak Rooflockers (Sov./Exc. only)
 Keyed Dead Bolt w/Door Bell and Grab Handle (Exc./Ltd. only)
 Hardwood Overhead Hickory Rooflockers (Ltd. only)

OPTIONAL FEATURES

Aluminum Wheels (Std. Ltd.)
 TV Antenna with Booster, Cable, Telephone Hookups (Std. Ltd.)
 Microwave Oven (Std. Exc./Ltd.)
 Cocktail Chair (Std. Exc./Ltd. optional 32" w/Dinette)

Refrigerator 3-Way 8 cu.ft.
 Fluorescent Lights
 Deluxe Sony Sound System
 Writing Table Available with Front Lounge Only

NOTE: All Standard and Optional features are available at time of printing. Airstream, Inc. however, reserves the right to improve and/or modify the product which may change the features and specifications. Check with your dealer for updated information and availability.

EXCELLA '1000' PACKAGE

Available only on front lounge models, the package includes: special Excella "1000" casting, option of any "Limited" fabric color scheme, wood blinds in living room and dinette, deluxe decorative clocks, VCR, TV, 2) Zip-Dee chairs, 4) etched "Airstream" drinking glasses, and 2) "Airstream" jackets and hats.

Starting with the 2002 models and after nearly 30 years of the Excella line, it is now known as the Classic trailer line.

