

Motorhome Hitches for Towed Vehicles

Gordon Gemeny, WBCCI # 2573, wants to advise others that his 1992 Classic Motorhome has an Airstream Sticker on the hitch indicating it is a Class 1 hitch with maximum towed weight capacity of 2000 pounds and maximum hitch weight of 500 pounds. His concern is that even compact cars may weigh more than 2000 pounds and owners towing those or heavier cars may be unknowingly exceeding their hitch rating.

The following information is from the Airstream factory:

1. The 1992 Classic Motorhomes came with a Class 1 hitch on 250-300-350 series models.
2. The 2000, 2001, 2002 models 35', 360, 365, 390, and 395 have Class 4 hitches with 5,000 pounds towing capacity and 500 pounds hitch weight.
3. The 2004, 2005, and 2006 motorhomes have Class 5 hitches with 10,000 pounds towing capacity and 1,000 pound hitch weight.

Motorhome Fuse Center Location for Towed Vehicle Lighting

Ernie Ward, WBCCI # 29335, had no tail lights on the vehicle he tows behind his 2004, 39 foot motorhome. The Airstream owner's literature was no help, since it was a Freightliner installed item. He took it to Freightliner service and the technicians could not find the fuse center. After about a half hour looking, they gave up and the service advisor spent about a half hour tracing wires, finally concluding the fuse center had to be behind the wall in the bin in front of the right rear tires (see photo #1). After taking out six sheet metal screws and dismantling the box, the 15 fuses and circuit breakers were finally located (see photo #2). Replacing a blown fuse cured his problems. He passes along this word to the wise for those of you that have a similar motorhome and may experience problems with towed vehicle lighting.