

Hello. Spring is in full swing here at the factory. I hope everyone is busy making summer plans or planning some weekend adventures. Please be careful and enjoy the warm weather.

I hope I am not covering topics that have frequently been answered by Mr. Schumann in the past. If so I apologize but I received a call last week from a customer I met during a visit to the dealership where he was picking up his brand new Airstream. He was asking about washing and waxing his trailer, what to use and what to avoid so I thought I would cover this topic.

Exterior Aluminum Skin

Washing – A 5% solution in water of commonly used commercial and industrial detergents will not have any harmful effects on factory-applied finish. Abrasive polishes or cleaning solvents such as automatic dishwasher or acid etch cleaners are too strong and should never be used. Rinse all grit from surface prior to washing. Use soft rags or wash mitts always moving lengthwise (with the grain of the trailer). Never rub hard on the coating. Even the softest rag will damage the coating if excessive pressure is applied.

Always clean your trailer in the shade or on a cloudy day when the aluminum skin is cool. Oil, grease, dust and dirt may be removed by washing with any mild non-abrasive soap or detergent. Spray the trailer with water prior to cleaning to remove a large extent of abrasive material (stones, dirt, etc.) as possible. Cleaning should be followed by a thorough clean water rinse. Drying the unit with a chamois or a soft cloth may prevent spots and streaks.

Using pH neutralizing cleaners to wash the exterior of Airstream trailers, including the roof and underbelly, can assist in the control damage caused by salt and road chemicals. When traveling through winter weather, all road treatment chemicals should be removed immediately.

Waxing – After cleaning and drying, a good grade of non-abrasive automotive paste or liquid wax will increase the life of the finish, especially in coastal areas where the finish is exposed to salt air or in polluted industrial areas. It will also protect the shell from minor scratches and make subsequent cleaning easier.

Airstream carries a full line of wash and wax products to keep your Airstream Trailer or Touring Coach looking great. These can be purchase at www.airstream.com or at your local Airstream Dealer. Some our favorites include Walbernize and the Glare Professional Product family.



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Additional Exterior Care:

To keep your trailer looking new, paint the A-frame periodically. Model year 1980-1994, the Airstream Trailer A-Frames were painted with Metallic Gray paint (Airstream Part Number 360151-01) and 1994-present, most trailer A-Frames were painted with Pewter Gray paint (Airstream Part Number 360260-100). For a complete listing of paint codes visit: <http://www.airstream.com/service/document-archive/>

Use 303 Aerospace Protectant (PN 44845WR-01) on windows, doors and vent gaskets to keep them from sticking, fading or cracking. It's a powerful UV blocker and it's easy to use, simply spray on and wipe dry. Safe and effective for vinyl, gel- coat, fiberglass, carbon fiber, synthetic/natural rubber, plastics and finished leather.

If you have any topics you would like to see covered in future articles, please email me your suggestions at rmarch@airstream.com

Have a great month!!