

Incandescent Ceiling Fixtures; Tire Pressure Check; Safety Checks...

Hello everyone, I would imagine by now everyone has begun to make plans for the winter, whether traveling or storing their RV. I thought this month I would just offer up a collection of information that may be useful no matter what your plans are.

First of all I would like to share with you a real life experience that a customer recently sent to Airstream.

Bright Idea?

"Before we bought our trailer last year, someone apparently replaced our reading light bulb with a bulb that "would fit". The Owner's Manual states that for "**incandescent ceiling fixtures**", the correct bulb is an 1141. The bulb that someone installed was an 1156, (a back up light bulb).

We have included a picture of the scorched light fixture and the underlying locker material. This could have caused a dangerous situation."

Please when replacing a burnt out light bulb, always check and use correct size bulbs.

Did you know?

- o That the maximum recommended **tire air pressure** is located on your manufacturing tag as well as your tire sidewall. Airstream recommends the highest pressure rating.
- o The maximum pressure allowed for a tire is embossed on the sidewall. That's the maximum pressure when the tire is cold. It's okay for it to be over that by as much as 10 psi if the tire is checked while hot. The proper pressure for your RV tire may not be the maximum tire pressure. The right pressure is determined by the weight carried by each tire on the RV and the pressure recommended by the tire manufacturer for that weight.
- o Airstream does not recommend covering trailers and motorhomes when storing. Covers can hold moisture and not let air circulate; you want to have moisture escape. Also the movement of the covers can cause chaffing to the exterior finish.
- o When storing your Airstream, try to keep the humidity levels below 60%; excessive humidity levels can lead to mildew. Control humidity by using an electric dehumidifier when possible or open a roof vent or window enough to let moisture escape.
- o Check your wheel lugs! On your first trip, tighten wheel lugs at the start of trip and then at 25, 50 and 100 miles. Torque wheels to specifications in owner's manual.
- o Thereafter check wheel lugs before each trip.
- o Following winter storage, and before your first trip check wheel lugs.
- o Following excess braking, inspect wheel lugs.
- o If you have an Airstream trailer with the vinyl covered aluminum interior (Prior to 1993) and the surface has become sticky due to the adhesive bleeding through; it can be cleaned by using a cleaner called Spray Power by Crown Marketing. (Always test a small area before using.) This will remove adhesives, crayon marks, and old wax and can be purchased at WalMart. After the vinyl has been cleaned it can be treated with any good vinyl protectant sold at most automotive stores.
- o To make your tires look like new, scrub them, clean with soap and water using a hard bristle brush, then apply self-polishing floor wax.

- To clean tough spots on your windows, wipe down with rubbing alcohol, allow to dry, and then clean as usual.

I hope everyone has a safe journey wherever the road may lead you.