

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 20V-773

**Manufacturer Name :** Airstream, Inc.

**Submission Date :** DEC 11, 2020

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 20V-773

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR



### Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Airstream, Inc.

Address : 419 West Pike Street  
PO Box 629 Jackson Center OH  
45334-0629

Company phone : 937-596-6111

### Population :

Number of potentially involved : 3,135

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

### Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2019-2019 Airstream International, Flying Cloud, Classic

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** To determine the recall population we based the affected units on Dometic's recall date range (May 2018 - July 9, 2020) as well as, the list of affected parts purchased in the same timeframe.

**Production Dates :** MAY 07, 2018 - MAY 31, 2019

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** 1STB9AG20KJ544878 **End :** 1STXFYJ2XKJ547741

☐ Not sequential

### Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** The defect enunciation can occur in a mobile environment, such as a recreational vehicle when, generally after an install or usage period of 3-6 months, the installer, occupant, or user of the appliance smells gas and apparently attempts to tighten the securement bolts that hold one or more of the stove saddle valves in place and sealed to the manifold. This action may result in the overtightening of the securement bolt for the saddle valve which may cause damage to the O-ring seal between the saddle valve and the manifold resulting in a continuous gas leak that is readily detectable from the smell.

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** The overtightening of the saddle valve securement bolt onto the manifold of the stove may cause a gas leak which may ignite and cause a fire. Dometic has had one instance of ignition and damage to the piezo igniter and one control knob, although the ignition was contained within the stove enclosure. There has been no damage to adjacent or surrounding combustible materials.

**Description of the Cause :** Dometic has not determined the cause of these leaks but is continuing to gather facts on the potential defect and will forward additional relevant information as it becomes available. Please read the uploaded Defect Notification that accompanies this Web notification.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** The smell gas fumes are indicative of the identified leak.

### Involved Components :

**Component Name 1 :** Saddle valve and Manifold

**Component Description :** NR

**Component Part Number :** NR

### Supplier Identification :

#### Component Manufacturer

**Name :** Dometic

**Address :** 5155 Verdant Dr  
Elkhart Indiana 46516

**Country :** United States

### Chronology :

11/17/20-Received the letter regarding Dometic stove recall 20E-071.

11/18/20-Contacted Dometic to obtain a list of affected parts purchased by Airstream.

12/3/20-Cross referenced the Dometic part numbers in the database to determine the Airstream part numbers.

12/7/20-Established the list of affected travel trailers.

12/9/20-Airstream Safety Committee agreed to move forward with a recall.

12/11/20 Airstream submitted the 573 to NHTSA and the Notice of Defect to Transport Canada.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The defect enunciation can occur in a mobile environment, such as a recreational vehicle or marine vessel, when, generally after an install or usage period of 3-6 months, the installer, occupant, or user of the appliance smells gas and apparently attempts to tighten the securement bolts that hold one or more of the stove saddle valves in place and sealed to the manifold. This action may result in the overtightening of the securement bolt for the saddle valve which may cause damage to the o-ring seal between the saddle valve and the manifold resulting in a continuous gas leak that is readily detectable from the smell.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Dometic has NOT yet identified a proposed remedy or remedies designed to mitigate the defect but will advise NHTSA of such remedy or remedies at the time they are identified. Dometic will further initiate a remedy campaign on the R1731, R21231 and S31 recreational vehicle stoves and will participate in remedy campaigns for the R1731, R2131 and S31 products launched by Original Equipment Manufacturers who have purchased, sold and distributed these products.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Dometic has yet to have established a remedy.

## Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Airstream will send dealer and owner notification letters once approved by NHTSA.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : FEB 09, 2021 - FEB 09, 2021

Planned Owner Notification Date : FEB 09, 2021 - FEB 09, 2021

\* NR - Not Reported