BASIC EQUIPMENT & TOOL KIT CHECKLIST

For Airstreamers



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THE LIST OF THINGS YOU COULD TRAVEL WITH IN YOUR AIRSTREAM IS ENDLESS

Thankfully, the list of things you really need, isn't.

Start with these basics, and add equipment and gear as you identify specific needs. Eventually you'll end up with the right balance to fit your style, skills, and Airstream.

Here's our suggested Basic Equipment & Tools Checklist:

Airstream Owner's Manual that came with your Airstream.

We also recommend <u>The (Nearly) Complete Guide to Airstream Maintenance</u>, <u>2nd</u> <u>edition</u>, which contains more detailed maintenance procedures and information.

Two drinking water hoses, 25-50 feet in length each – we recommend the <u>Ultimate RV</u>
<u>Water Hose</u>

Sewer hose and 10-foot extension

Leveling blocks

Electrical cord and adapters for 15-amp, 30-amp and 50-amp outlets

Electrical Management System (EMS) to protect your Airstream from electrical faults. We travel with and recommend <u>Progressive EMS</u>.

Tire pressure gauge, high-visibility vest, breaker bar, extension, and appropriate socket, for changing an Airstream trailer tire. All of this is included in this AIR GEAR Tire Changing Kit.

Water filter – at the very least, you should have an in-line carbon filter, but we travel with and recommend the Blu Technology Filtration System

Mechanic's gloves

12 volt air compressor with power cord extension (or battery-powered)

½" drive torque wrench, rated for 150 ft-lbs, for tightening wheel lug nuts (Included in the AIR GEAR Tire Changing Kit.

Cordless drill with socket adapter (optional but very handy)

Holding tank chemicals (found at Wal-Mart, Camping World, etc.)

Hitch ball lube and/or grease recommended by the manufacturer of your hitch

Large beach towel (handy for jobs that require you to lie on the ground, and many others)

Lubricants: silicone spray, white lithium grease (if you have a power awning), and optionally Boeshield T-9 *

Flashlight and headlamp

First Aid kit

Wheel chocks with no-slip bottoms

(Only if you have a single-axle trailer) A bottle jack capable of lifting at least the weight of the trailer

Basic Tool Bag

If you are mostly weekend travelers, you may not need a repair kit. But if you want to be able to fix small things while traveling, here are a few things to consider:

Philips screwdriver set

Assorted drill and screw bits

2.0 and 2.5 mm Allen wrenches *

Kitchen/utility shears

Tapes: electrical and Teflon (plumber's tape)

Wood glue

Medium sized adjustable wrench

Open-end wrenches: 7/16", 9/16" and 5/8" recommended

Retractable safety knife-

Pliers

Fuse puller *

Small spray bottle with soapy water (to test for gas leaks) *

Small wire cutter/stripper tool

An electrical multimeter

Butt splices and a crimper

Rivet tool (for replacing loose or broken rivets). We include a high quality rivet tool in the <u>AIR</u>

GEAR Rivet Replacement Kit

Basic Tool Bag (continued)

Aerospace 303 Protectant (for lubricating window and vent fan seals) *

Half-sheet of fine grit sandpaper

repairs

A small plastic "tackle box" or similar with internal compartments, with:

spare 1141 bulbs for interior lights (if not LED)

12v automotive-style mini blade fuses (various amperages)

single-sided razor blade

a few #8 wood screws, 5/8" to 1" in length *

silicone rubber hose washers *

1/8" aluminum POP rivets (grip range 1/8-1/4") for interior repairs

3/16" aluminum "large flange" POP rivets (grip range 1/8-1/4") for belly pan

* = included in the AIR GEAR Maintenance Essentials Kit

The jobs you care to tackle on the road may be different, which will change the things you need to bring along.

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