

HISTORY OF AIRSTREAM SAFETYVUE WINDOW DEVELOPMENT
WITH
PHILIPS INDUSTRIES INC.

Airstream has established an enviable and remarkable record for developing and introducing innovations within the recreational vehicle industry.

The Airstream philosophy of "Let's not make any changes-let's make only improvements" is as evident in windows as it is throughout the remainder of the coach.

In 1954 Airstream first introduced the full opening awning type window. Two years later, all windows were made full opening. In 1958 Airstream introduced the gear-operated window. Then, after considerable research and development, Airstream was able to increase its total window area on the 1964 Airstream by 15 percent.

Late in 1964 Airstream began working with Philips Industries on the development of a window that would be curved to match the coach configuration, would be capable of maximum light transmission, would feature no obstructions on the edges, with glass completely out to the frame; and would be exceptionally tight sealing.

During the early part of 1965 Airstream and Philips Industries worked jointly with manufacturers of stretch-formers, glass and seals, to determine the best possible materials for use in constructing a window with the desired features. Within weeks, Philips was able to produce the first curved window in the recreational vehicle industry...the Philips SafetyVue Window.

Since that initial SafetyVue Window there have been many improvements on the models installed in the 1966 and 1967 Airstreams. Research and development has been and will continue to be a never-ending program at Philips.

Recently introduced improvements on SafetyVue Windows, used exclusively by Airstream, include these:

1. Placing a baffle at side of hinge.
2. Improving seat between glass bar and hinge bar.
3. Staking bulb vinyl into position before putting hinge bar into window, to assure the maintenance of a full seal.
4. Using tape to seal all joints of windows.
5. Water Testing all windows 100 percent at factory and again at installation.

Past improvements have been many and significant, including the introduction of revolutionary curved storm windows and screens. Airstream and Philips are constantly seeking additional ways to improve the SafetyVue Window. Any suggestions that you may have will always be welcome and will receive our careful and thoughtful consideration.

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